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DIVISION D - FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Following is an explanation of the effects of this division of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764 (hereafter referred to as "the amended bill") relative to the versions of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2008 (H.R. 2829) passed by the House of Representatives and reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

REPORT LANGUAGE

Report language included by the House (House Report 110-207) or the Senate (Senate Report 110-129) that is not changed herein is approved. This explanatory statement, while repeating some report language for emphasis, is not intended to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein.

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$248,360,000 for departmental offices salaries and expenses, instead of \$250,591,000 as proposed by the House and \$251,641,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds provided, not more than \$3,000,000 is available until September 30, 2009 for information technology modernization, \$258,000 is for emergencies or activities of a confidential nature, \$5,114,000 is available until September 30, 2009 for Treasury-wide financial audits, \$3,000,000 is available until September 30, 2009 for secure space requirements, \$2,300,000 is available until September 30, 2009 for the hiring of personnel whose work will require a security clearance investigation, \$2,100,000 is available until September 30, 2009 for critical infrastructure protection

activities, and not more than \$150,000 is allowed for reception and representation expenses.

For the activities under this heading, the amended bill provides the following funding levels:

Executive Direction	\$10,840,000
General Counsel	9,909,000
Economic Policies and Programs	44,242,000
Financial Policies and Programs	29,464,000
Terrorism and Financial Intelligence	56,775,000
Treasury-wide Management	18,505,000
Administration	78,625,000

The amended bill provides an increase of \$618,000, as requested and provided in the House and Senate bills, for enhanced international economic policy coordination. The Appropriations Committees expect the Department to increase its efforts to implement currency reforms in China.

Of the funds provided for the Executive Direction budget activity, the Department is directed to provide \$1,500,000 for a study on energy externalities directed by section 1352 of Public Law 109-58. The Senate version of the bill included these funds.

Within the funds provided for the Financial Policies and Programs budget activity, the Department is directed to provide \$1,000,000 to the Center for Resilient Financial Services e-Cavern Partnership. These funds are intended to be the final Federal payment for this project.

The Department is directed to fund Treasury's Office of Financial Education at a level not less than \$1,100,000, an increase of approximately \$400,000 above the amount

requested. Within this amount, (1) not less than \$200,000 is directed to be used to further the office's outreach and education activities focused on elementary schools and high schools, and (2) not less than \$200,000 is directed to be used for the development of tailored, targeted materials and dissemination strategies to protect consumers against predatory lending and encourage the use of mainstream financial services. Additionally, the Department is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations, within 60 days of enactment of this Act, on progress made in implementing the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office regarding the National Strategy for Financial Literacy.

Within the funds provided for the Terrorism and Financial Intelligence budget activity, the Department is directed to provide \$300,000 to Treasury's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI) to create a permanent position which will be responsible for managing and overseeing all TFI information technology operations, activities, and needs, as proposed by the Senate. In addition, within the funds provided, the Department is directed to provide \$250,000 to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) for efforts to reduce OFAC's backlog of Freedom of Information Act requests, as proposed by the House.

The amended bill includes a provision allowing the Department to transfer up to 2 percent of funds available between budget activities upon notification of the Committees on Appropriations. Transfers in excess of 2 percent may be made upon approval of the Committees on Appropriations. (to

DEPARTMENT-WIDE SYSTEMS AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$18,710,000 for systems and capital investments as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$18,450,000 for salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Of the funds provided, up to \$2,000,000 may be used for travel, \$100,000 may be used for emergencies or activities of a confidential nature, and up to \$2,500 may be used for reception and representation expenses.

TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$140,533,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Of the funds provided, up to \$6,000,000 is for travel expenses, \$500,000 may be used for emergencies or activities of a confidential nature, and up to \$1,500 may be used for reception and representation expenses.

AIR TRANSPORTATION STABILIZATION PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

The amended bill includes language terminating the program and rescinding \$3,600,000 in remaining unobligated balances, as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$85,844,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$83,344,000 as proposed by the House. Of the funds provided, not more than \$14,000 is for reception and representation expenses, \$16,340,000 is available until September 30, 2010, and \$8,955,000 is available until September 30, 2009.

The Department is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations on the Department's analysis of developing a cross-border electronic funds transfer reporting system. If the Department supports proceeding with this project, the report shall identify the revised estimated future year costs by fiscal year of developing a cross-border system.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$234,423,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House, instead of \$235,191,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds provided, \$9,220,000 is available until September 30, 2010 for information technology modernization initiatives and up to \$2,500 is for reception and representation expenses.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$93,515,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House, instead of \$97,015,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds provided, not more than \$6,000 is for reception and representation expenses and \$50,000 is for cooperative research. The Department is encouraged to utilize funds from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund to address the replacement of obsolete information technology equipment in the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

UNITED STATES MINT

UNITED STATES MINT PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FUND

The amended bill provides that not more than \$33,200,000 in new liabilities and obligations may be incurred during fiscal year 2008 for circulating coinage and protective service capital investments of the U.S. Mint, as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

ADMINISTERING THE PUBLIC DEBT

The amended bill provides \$182,871,000 for costs associated with administering the public debt, as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Of the funds provided, not more than \$2,500 is allowed for reception and representation expenses and \$2,000,000 is available until September 30, 2010 for systems modernization. The amended bill includes \$10,000,000 in user fees to offset the appropriated amounts and \$70,000 from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to reimburse the Bureau for various administrative expenses.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The amended bill provides \$94,000,000 for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund program, instead of \$100,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$90,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds provided, up to \$13,500,000 is for administrative costs, up to \$7,500,000 is for the cost of direct loans, up to \$250,000 is for administrative expenses of the direct loan program, and \$8,000,000 is for technical assistance and other purposes for Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native communities. The amended bill includes language that limits loan obligations to \$16,000,000, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by the House.

The Department is directed to fund the Bank Enterprise Award program at a level not less than \$20,000,000.

The Appropriations Committees note that poverty, lack of economic opportunity, and lack of low-cost financial services continue to be problems across much of the Nation, particularly in many Hispanic-American, African-American, and Native

American communities. The Committees appreciate the ongoing efforts of the CDFI Fund to work to remedy the particular problems in these communities and strongly encourage the CDFI Fund to continue to place a heavy emphasis on these efforts.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
TAXPAYER SERVICES

The amended bill includes \$2,150,000,000 for Taxpayer Services, instead of \$2,155,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,149,200,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill provides an overall increase of \$46,911,000 above the budget request. It is the intent of the Appropriations Committees that the increase above the request is in addition to, and not a substitute for, the \$94,500,000 in user fee collections that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) estimated in its fiscal year 2008 budget request would be available to supplement the Taxpayer Services account.

Of the increase above the budget request, \$31,200,000 is directed to be targeted toward the following activities: (1) increasing IRS outreach and education activities, for individuals, businesses, and tax-exempt entities, above the levels assumed in the fiscal year 2008 budget request, and (2) increasing the number of tax returns prepared at IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers. The Department is directed to include, in its fiscal year 2008 operating plan, a specific plan for increasing these activities above the levels assumed in the budget request. For purposes of comparison, the plan should include: (1) details on the funding levels and full-time equivalents (FTEs) assumed in the fiscal year 2008 budget request for these activities, and (2) funding levels and FTEs for these activities as funded by this Act.

Within the overall funds provided, the amended bill provides not less than \$3,000,000 for Tax Counseling for the Elderly and not less than \$9,000,000 for low-income taxpayer clinic grants. In addition, not less than \$177,000,000 is provided for operating expenses of the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS). The Appropriations Committees note that previous IRS budget requests have recognized that a portion of the

TAS budget is enforcement-related, due to the increases in TAS caseload resulting from stepped-up IRS enforcement activity. The Committees urge the Department, in future year budget requests, to include a portion of the TAS operating expenses budget in the IRS Enforcement account.

The amended bill also provides \$8,000,000, to be available until September 30, 2009, to establish a matching grant demonstration program for Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs, instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and no funding as proposed by the House. The Appropriations Committees direct that the matching grant program be administered by the IRS in consultation with the Taxpayer Advocate Service. The program shall provide direct funds to enable VITA programs to extend services to underserved populations and hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban, as well as to increase the capacity to file returns electronically, heighten quality control, enhance training of volunteers, and significantly improve the accuracy rate of returns prepared by VITA sites. The Appropriations Committees direct the IRS, in consultation with the National Taxpayer Advocate, to submit to the Committees, within 90 days of enactment, a proposed design plan for the matching grant program, including the scope of eligibility, an equitable selection methodology which takes into account geographic diversity, and an evaluation component to measure the overall effectiveness of the program and the results achieved.

The IRS is directed to strengthen, improve, and expand taxpayer service overall. If the IRS proposes further reductions in specific taxpayer services, such reductions must be consistent with the budget justification, operating plan, and Taxpayer Assistance Blueprint, and the IRS must demonstrate that such reductions will not result in a decline in voluntary compliance. Where such reductions involve a reduction in face-to-face service, the IRS must demonstrate that the proposed reductions do not adversely impact compliance by taxpayers who are dependent on such services, by showing, through such means as a successful pilot program, survey, or other empirical means, that there is an effective and viable service alternative available.

The Appropriations Committees reiterate and modify House and Senate report language directing the IRS, together with the IRS Oversight Board and the National Taxpayer Advocate, to submit annually to the Committees an update to the Taxpayer Assistance Blueprint, detailing its implementation status and identifying any changes to the strategic plan for taxpayer service, including any research and relevant findings completed to date, and any open issues requiring additional research. The first update shall be submitted 90 days after enactment of this Act.

ENFORCEMENT
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$4,780,000,000 for Enforcement, instead of \$4,925,498,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate. Of the funds provided, \$57,252,000 is for the Interagency Crime and Drug Enforcement (ICDE) program. The amended bill also permits the transfer of up to \$10,000,000 to the Operations Support account for administrative costs of the ICDE program.

The Appropriations Committees reiterate and modify the House report language requiring the IRS to work with the National Taxpayer Advocate and IRS Oversight Board to develop a 5-year strategic plan for research to be submitted to the Committees no later than September 30, 2008. In addition, the Appropriations Committees reiterate the Senate report language: (1) directing the National Taxpayer Advocate and the IRS Office of Research to report to the Committees, by September 30, 2008, on factors that influence taxpayer compliance behavior; (2) directing the IRS to submit to the Committees, no later than March 1, 2008, a detailed research plan to address the shortfalls in the National Research Program (NRP); and (3) directing IRS, in administering its NRP for fiscal year 2008, to work with the National Taxpayer Advocate to collect information on the causes of noncompliance.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT

The amended bill provides \$3,680,059,000 for Operations Support, instead of \$3,769,587,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate. Of the funds provided, \$75,000,000 is available until September 30, 2009 for information technology support and \$1,000,000 is available until September 30, 2010 for research. In addition, not less than \$2,000,000 is provided for the IRS Oversight Board and not more than \$25,000 is for reception and representation expenses.

The Appropriations Committees modify the Senate directive that the IRS include in its operating plan details on any planned reorganization, job reductions, or increases to offices or activities within the agency, or modifications to any service or enforcement activity. The Committees direct the IRS to obtain comments on the operating plan from the IRS Oversight Board and to provide a summary of the comments as part of the operating plan submission.

The Appropriations Committees reiterate and modify the Senate directive that the IRS review its entire non-Business Systems Modernization information technology portfolio to ensure performance efficiencies that support tax administration activities. The Committees expect the IRS to make any changes necessary to ensure that each project has: (1) been properly classified for investment decision and management purposes, (2) the appropriate governance structure in place, (3) a risk management plan, (4) a contingency plan, (5) adequate provisions in the contracts to ensure penalties and repayment to the agency if performance is not met, (6) adequate contractor staffing and management in place to fulfill the contract terms and deliverables, and (7) been certified by the head of the relevant IRS business unit that the project is deemed necessary for its operations and meets its requirements. The Committees direct the IRS Chief Information Officer to submit a report within 120 days of enactment to the IRS Oversight Board, the Treasury Department, the Office of Management and Budget, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee that certifies that the review has been completed, summarizes the findings, and describes actions being taken to address any problems identified. The Appropriations Committees further direct the IRS to provide quarterly briefings to the

IRS Oversight Board and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration on the status of its information technology portfolio and to report immediately if any project experiences significant cost variances or milestone delivery date slippages. In addition, the Committees direct the IRS to review all critical systems and report to the Committees no later than 45 days after enactment of this Act on any actual or potential systems problems or risks impacting the 2008 filing season.

BUSINESS SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION

The amended bill provides \$267,090,000 for Business Systems Modernization (BSM), instead of \$282,090,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate. Language is included requiring approval by the Appropriations Committees of a GAO-reviewed spending plan for BSM prior to the obligation of the funds, except in the case of funds for IRS labor costs.

HEALTH INSURANCE TAX CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

The amended bill provides \$15,235,000 for administration of the Health Insurance Tax Credit program as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes the following administrative provisions that were proposed by both the House and the Senate:

- section 101 providing transfer authority;
- section 102 requiring IRS to maintain training in taxpayer rights;
- section 103 requiring IRS to safeguard taxpayer information;
- section 104 permitting funding for 1-800 help line services and directing the Commissioner to make improving phone service a priority;

- section 105 extending the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to exercise streamlined critical pay authority with respect to certain IRS professional positions;
- section 106 extending the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to certain IRS personnel flexibilities relating to recruitment, retention, relocation incentives, and performance awards; and
- section 107 transferring from the Office of Management and Budget to the Office of Personnel Management the authority to fix the rate of basic pay for IRS positions that have been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury under streamlined critical pay authority.

In addition, the amended bill includes the following administrative provision:

Section 108 provides that not less than \$7,350,000 shall be available for increasing, above fiscal year 2007 levels, the number of IRS personnel and related support activities performing IRS Automated Collection System functions. The Appropriations Committees are concerned that the IRS is not adequately utilizing the Automated Collection System (ACS) to maximize its in-house capacity to collect outstanding tax debt despite the \$13 to \$1 return on investment these positions deliver. The Appropriations Committees modify the House report language regarding retraining of employees and direct the IRS, as it increases ACS FTEs, to give preference and provide any necessary training to submission processing employees who have been subject to a reduction in force within the last two years or who will face the loss of their current position within the next two years. The Committees believe that this increase in ACS collection capacity will help to close the tax gap by bringing in more revenue at less cost than using private collection agencies and strongly urge the IRS to look to funding made available for administration of the private collection program to fund this increase in ACS positions.

The amended bill does not include the following administrative provisions:

- section 105 of the Senate bill regarding the Taxpayer Advocate Service;
- section 105 of the House bill and section 106 of the Senate bill, relating to funding for enforcement;
- section 107 of the Senate bill relating to additional transfer authority to implement the restructuring of the IRS accounts;

- section 108 of the Senate bill directing IRS to develop a strategic plan to increase the voluntary tax compliance rate to 85 percent in fiscal year 2009; however, the Appropriations Committees note that on August 2, 2007, the IRS issued a report on improving voluntary compliance, and the Committees direct the IRS to consult with the Taxpayer Advocate and the IRS Oversight Board to develop proposals for continued growth in the voluntary compliance rate;
- section 112 of the Senate bill limiting funding in support of tax collection contracts;
- section 113 of the Senate bill precluding the use of funds to expand the number of qualified tax collection contracts while the IRS is eliminating processing center employees, mandating a cost comparison study and report, and requiring a disability preference program for any additional qualified tax collection contracts; and
- section 114 of the Senate bill restricting the use of funds to ramp down or eliminate submission processing activities until the IRS issues a report on the potential for employee reassignments.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes the following administrative provisions that were proposed by both the House and the Senate:

- section 109 allowing Treasury to purchase uniforms, lease vehicles, and engage in other activities pursuant to title 5 U.S.C. 5901;
- section 110 allowing for the transfer of up to 2 percent of funds between Departmental Offices and the various Treasury bureaus, except the IRS;
- section 111 allowing for the transfer of up to 2 percent from the IRS accounts to TIGTA;
- section 112 directing that the purchase of vehicles be consistent with vehicle management principles;
- section 113 prohibiting funding to redesign the \$1 note;

- section 114 allowing for the transfer of funds from 'Financial Management Service, Salaries and Expenses' to the Debt Collection Fund conditional on future reimbursement;
- section 115 extending the pay demonstration program for one year;
- section 116 prohibiting funds to build a United States Mint museum without the approval of the authorizing committees of jurisdiction; and
- section 117 prohibiting funding for consolidating functions of the United States Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing without the approval of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the authorizing committees of jurisdiction.

The amended bill includes the following administrative provisions that were proposed by the Senate:

- section 118 specifying that funds for Treasury intelligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized until enactment of the fiscal year 2008 intelligence authorization act; and
- section 119 clarifying that the Check Forgery Insurance Fund is the appropriate funding source for disbursing errors for which relief has been granted under 31 U.S.C. 3527.

TITLE II

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT

The amended bill provides \$450,000 for compensation of the President as proposed by both the House and Senate.

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$51,656,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$53,156,000 as proposed by the House. The amended bill provides funding for the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board under a separate heading.

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

OPERATING EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$12,814,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

WHITE HOUSE REPAIR AND RESTORATION

The amended bill provides \$1,600,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$4,118,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$3,482,000 as proposed by the both the House and the Senate.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$8,640,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$2,000,000 for the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) as proposed by the Senate. The House provided \$1,500,000 for the PCLOB under the "White House Office, Salaries and Expenses" account. The amended bill modifies language proposed by the Senate regarding the citation of authorities.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$91,745,000, instead of \$92,829,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$78,000,000 for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) instead of \$78,394,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

The amended bill includes a provision, as proposed by the House, requiring that appropriations be applied only to the objects for which appropriations were made and shall be allocated in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the explanatory statement, except as otherwise provided by law. The Senate did not propose similar language. (relevant)

The amended bill continues prior-year restrictions on the review of agricultural marketing orders, as well as restrictions and congressional notification requirements for the review of water resource matters, as proposed by both House and the Senate. The amended bill also continues language that restricts OMB from evaluating or determining if Water Resources Project reviews are in compliance with laws, regulations, and (the

requirements relevant to the Civil Works water resource planning process, as proposed by the Senate. The House did not propose similar language.

The Federal Government has had a history of poorly managed and failed information technology projects, unfortunately resulting in expensive burdens to taxpayers. OMB can do more to better identify and track the causes for performance failure. OMB shall publish in the annual budget submission the specific reasons why a project is on ~~either of OMB's~~ ~~list~~ High Risk List or OMB's Management Watch List. This information will allow GAO and Congress to spot trends, track progress and recommend corrective action.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$26,402,000 for Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) salaries and expenses, instead of \$26,636,000 as proposed by the House and \$25,152,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for policy research and evaluation as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$1,316,000 as proposed by the House. Also provided within the overall amount is \$1,250,000 for an independent study and analysis of ONDCP's organization and management, instead of \$1,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Within the total amount provided, the amended bill provides the following funding levels:

	Amount	FTE
Office of the Director.....	\$4,150,000	18
Office of the Deputy Director	---	(vacant)
Office of Management and Administration.....	3,072,000	15
Office of Legal Counsel.....	1,100,000	6
Office of Public Affairs.....	1,950,000	7
Office of Legislative Affairs	1,015,000	7
Major Cities.....	---	---
CTAC ¹	---	---
Office of Planning and Budget	3,272,000	17
Office of Demand Reduction	1,780,000	11
Office of National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign	825,000	6

Office of State, Local, & Tribal		
Affairs.....	2,125,000	14
Office of Supply Reduction...	2,860,000	17
Policy Research.....	250,000	---
Rental payments to GSA.....	2,753,000	---
Organization and management		
study.....	1,250,000	---

¹ The amended bill includes \$1,000,000 for counternarcotics research and development projects under the "Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center" heading. ONDCP is expected to administer this program using resources and FTE available in other ONDCP offices.

Senate report language regarding policy research and evaluation is adopted, and the Appropriations Committees reiterate that the use of policy research funds was never intended to be used for primary data collection. Funding for policy research shall be used as it was originally intended, and ONDCP shall report to the Committees on Appropriations on its policy research plans for using these funds within 30 days after the enactment of this Act.

The amended bill assumes that not more than \$600,000 shall be provided for travel by ONDCP officials, and although travel amounts are not allocated by office as proposed in the Senate report, the Appropriations Committees note the extensive travel conducted by ONDCP officials at taxpayer expense. The Committees are aware of investigations of travel by ONDCP that may have occurred for political purposes and caution the Director and other high-ranking officials that travel should occur for official business reasons only, not for political gain, and that travel should occur only when absolutely necessary in order to fulfill the ONDCP mission.

Senate report language that requires the Director of ONDCP to provide to the Committees on Appropriations quarterly reports on travel expenditures, summarized by office, program, and individual, including dates and purpose of travel is adopted. The Director shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations quarterly reports on staffing levels and plans for future hirings. The staffing report shall include office, position title, salary, and job classifications of all persons employed by ONDCP, including contractors.

The Appropriations Committees remain concerned about methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse. ONDCP should continue and strengthen its efforts to

combat this problem. Such efforts should include working with other Federal agencies, as well as with state and local governments, to develop and implement strategies to reduce the demand for and supply of methamphetamine. The Appropriations Committees concur with Senate report language requiring the Director to report to the Committees on Appropriations within 30 days after enactment of this Act on its efforts to meet the requirements of House Report 109-307, the conference report to accompany H.R. 3058 (109th Congress). As part of that report, the Director shall also report on additional options for how ONDCP, in conjunction with other Federal agencies if appropriate, can reduce methamphetamine use, particularly in rural communities. The consideration of options that result in the expansion of methamphetamine treatment for pregnant and parenting women offenders is encouraged.

COUNTERDRUG TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT CENTER

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$1,000,000 for the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center (~~CTAC~~), instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate did not include funding. The amended bill provides this funding for counter-narcotics research and development and requires that a spending plan for the use of these funds be submitted no later than 90 days after enactment of the Act. (this)

FEDERAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS

HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS) (S)

(HIDTA) The amended bill provides \$230,000,000 for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program, instead of \$226,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$235,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Funds shall be available until September 30, 2009, as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds provided, no less than \$2,000,000 shall be for new counties;

\$2,100,000 is provided for audit activities; and up to \$400,000 shall be for the final year of development and implementation of a data collection system to measure performance.

The amended bill requires ONDCP to submit recommendations for approval to the Committees on Appropriations for both the initial HIDTA allocation funding within 90 days after the enactment of this Act and the discretionary HIDTA funding, according to the framework proposed jointly by the HIDTA Directors and ONDCP, within 120 days after the enactment of this Act.

While many positive steps have been made by the Lake County HIDTA, continued Federal management is needed to ensure the HIDTA's ability to meet its program goals. The Lake County HIDTA board is encouraged to select a highly-qualified Federal official to chair the Executive Board of the Lake County HIDTA for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

OTHER FEDERAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$164,300,000 for Other Federal Drug Control Programs, instead of \$197,800,000 as proposed by the House and \$204,735,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the amount provided, the bill provides the following allocations:

(in thousands of dollars)

National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign	\$60,000
Drug Free Communities Support Program	90,000
National Drug Court Institute	1,000
National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws	1,250

Demonstration programs for chronic hard drug users under community supervision	500
U.S. Anti-Doping Agency	9,600
World Anti-Doping Agency Membership Dues	1,700
Performance Measures Development	250

UNANTICIPATED NEEDS

The amended bill provides \$1,000,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$4,432,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate, and adopts the account header as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

OPERATING EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$320,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate, and adopts the account header as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS – EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND FUNDS

APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Section 201 provides transfer authority between "White House Office", "Executive Residence at the White House", "White House Repair and Restoration", "Council of Economic Advisers", "National Security Council", "Office of Administration", "Office of Policy Development", "Special Assistance to the President", and "Official Residence of the Vice President" as proposed by the House. The Senate proposed transfer authority between "White House Office", "Executive Residence at the White House", "White House Repair and Restoration", "Office of Management and Budget", "Special Assistance to the President", and "Official Residence of the Vice President".

Section 202 requires a financial plan by ONDCP by program, project, and activity as proposed by the Senate. The House bill required a similar plan on a project-by-project basis.

Section 203 specifies that not to exceed 2 percent of ONDCP appropriations may be transferred between appropriated programs upon advance approval of the Committees. The Senate bill proposed 3 percent. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

Section 204 specifies that not to exceed \$1,000,000 of ONDCP appropriations may be reprogrammed upon advance approval of the Committees as proposed by the Senate. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

The amended bill does not include section 205 of the Senate bill concerning the availability of funds for any program, project, or activity in excess of the budget estimates.

The Appropriations Committees emphasize the importance of ONDCP adhering to the requirements of this Act with regard to transfers and reprogrammings. Timely notification of proposed transfers and reprogramming to the Committees on

Appropriations must be made, and such transfers and reprogrammings may not be implemented without the advance approval of the Committees. Sections 203 and 204 establish benchmarks for ONDCP transfers and reprogrammings, and section 610 contains approval requirements for the creation or elimination of programs or activities, including the reorganization of offices. (of

TITLE III

THE JUDICIARY

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$66,526,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court as proposed by the House, instead of \$66,522,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CARE OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The amended bill includes \$12,201,000 for care of the Supreme Court building and grounds as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$27,072,000 for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, instead of \$27,976,000 as proposed by the House and \$27,438,000 as proposed by the Senate.

UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$16,632,000 as proposed by the Senate for the United States Court of International Trade, instead of \$16,544,000 as proposed by the House.

COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$4,604,762,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services, instead of \$4,660,590,000 as proposed by the House and \$4,709,991,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill provides an additional \$14,500,000 in emergency funding for a homeland security border initiative to address the critically understaffed workload associated with increased immigration enforcement along the Southwest border. In addition, the amended bill includes \$4,099,000 for the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

DEFENDER SERVICES

The amended bill provides \$835,601,000 for Defender Services, instead of \$830,499,000 as proposed by the House and \$840,601,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill provides a cost of living adjustment from \$94 to \$96 an hour for non-capital panel attorneys and an adjustment from \$166 to \$170 an hour for attorneys associated with capital cases. The bill further provides a pay raise from \$96 to \$100 an hour for non-capital panel attorneys. In addition, the amended bill provides \$10,500,000 in emergency funding to address the expected increased workload of attorneys appointed to represent persons under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 as a result of increased immigration enforcement along the Southwest border.

FEES OF JURORS AND COMMISSIONERS

The amended bill provides \$63,081,000 for fees for jurors and commissioners as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$62,350,000 as proposed by the House. (of

COURT SECURITY
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS) (S

The amended bill includes \$410,000,000 for court security, instead of \$396,476,000 as proposed by the House and \$412,720,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$76,036,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, instead of \$75,667,000 as proposed by the House and \$78,536,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill includes \$8,500 for official reception and representation purposes. The Administrative Office of the Courts is directed to include, as an addendum to the annual budget submission, a detailed five-year plan for courthouse construction projects with a yearly update of total projected future funding needs for associated rent payments and construction costs. (U.S.

FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$24,187,000 for salaries and expenses of the Federal Judicial Center, instead of \$23,994,000 as proposed by the House and \$24,475,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill includes \$1,800,000 to be available until September 30, 2009. The Federal Judicial Center is directed to keep the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations informed of new staff hires throughout fiscal year 2008.

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUNDS

PAYMENT TO JUDICIARY TRUST FUNDS

The amended bill provides \$65,400,000 for payments for various judicial retirement funds as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$15,477,000 for the salaries of the United States Sentencing Commission, as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS – THE JUDICIARY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes the following administrative provisions for this Act that were proposed by both the House and the Senate:

- section 301 allowing the Judiciary to expend funds for the employment of expert and consultative services;
- section 302 providing transfer authority in compliance with reprogramming guidelines set forth in section 605 and 610 of this Act;
- section 303 authorizing not to exceed \$11,000 to be available for official receptions and representation; and
- section 304 requiring a financial plan from the Judiciary allocating the sources and uses of all funds within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

In addition, the amended bill includes the following general provisions:

Section 305 authorizes a cost of living adjustment for fiscal year 2008 for Federal judges, similar to language proposed by the Senate.

Section 306 extends the authority to contract for repairs of less than \$100,000 to the Judiciary for fiscal year 2008, similar to language proposed by the Senate.

Section 307 authorizes a pilot program to allow the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to reimburse the United States Marshals Service for some services currently being performed by the Federal Protective Service as proposed by the Senate.

Section 308 adds Vancouver as an eligible place of holding court for the Western District of Washington, as proposed by the Senate.

Section 309 extends the term of temporary judgeships in Kansas and Northern Ohio for one year.

TITLE IV

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FEDERAL FUNDS

FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR RESIDENT TUITION SUPPORT

The amended bill includes \$33,000,000 for a Federal payment for tuition support as proposed by the Senate instead of \$35,100,000 as proposed by the House. The District of Columbia is expected to adhere to the authorizing statute with regard to the administrative expenses associated with operation of this program.

FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING AND SECURITY COSTS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The amended bill provides \$3,352,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate for a Federal payment to the District of Columbia for the costs associated with emergency planning and security. Within the amount provided, \$352,000 is for the District of Columbia National Guard for a tuition assistance program.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

The amended bill provides \$223,920,000 as a Federal payment to the District of Columbia Courts, instead of \$256,395,000 as proposed by the House and \$217,318,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within this amount, \$10,800,000 is for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, \$98,359,000 is for the District of Columbia Superior Court, \$52,170,000 is for the District of Columbia Court System and \$62,591,000 is for capital improvements to Court facilities. The Committees on Appropriations continue to be concerned with substandard working conditions at the Moultrie Courthouse cellblock. The District of Columbia Courts are directed to incorporate upgrades to the cellblock as a priority among the other capital improvements and to submit a plan to upgrade the cellblock conditions to the Committees on Appropriations within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

DEFENDER SERVICES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

The amended bill includes \$47,975,000 for Defender Services in the District of Columbia, instead of \$52,475,000 as proposed by the House, and \$43,475,000 as proposed by the Senate. This amount is intended to provide an increase in the hourly rate for attorneys at half of the requested amount.

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

~~(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)~~

The amended bill provides \$190,343,000 for the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia as proposed by the House, instead of \$190,791,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE

The amended bill includes \$32,710,000 for a Federal payment to the District of Columbia Public Defender Service as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

The amended bill provides \$8,000,000 for a Federal payment for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA), instead of \$12,000,000 proposed by both the House and the Senate. WASA is directed to provide matching funds in the amount of \$6,000,000 and the District of Columbia is directed to provide \$2,000,000 in matching funds. (as

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The amended bill provides \$1,300,000 to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The CJCC is directed to report annually on performance measures and individual initiatives to the Committees on Appropriations.

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The amended bill provides \$5,453,000 ~~as opposed to~~ \$6,148,000 as proposed by the House for a Federal payment to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia. The Senate did not include funding for this account. The funding is for grants to the following organizations with the requirement that the funds be spent primarily in the District of Columbia to benefit District residents: instead of

Project Name	Amount
ARISE Foundation, Life-Management Skills Intervention/Re-entry Program for High Risk Youth	282,000
Barracks Row	500,000
Bright Beginnings, Inc.	100,000
Catalyst, Eastgate HOPE VI project	132,000
Center for Inspired Teaching	52,500
Earth Conservation Corps	282,000
East Capitol Center for Change, the Capital Area Asset Building Corporation, and the National Center for Fatherhood to administer Marriage Development Accounts in the District of Columbia	1,800,000
Eastern Market	131,000

Everybody Wins!	100,000
Excel Institute, Automotive Workforce Development Training Program	300,000
Historic Congressional Cemetery	625,000
Howard University College of Dentistry, Community Based Dental Education	52,500
International Youth Service and Development Corps	600,000
MenzFit, Career Development and Interview Preparation Program	23,500
Sitar Arts Center, Arts for Teens Initiative	22,500
Southeastern University	300,000
STEEED Youth Program	150,000

FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The amended bill includes \$40,800,000 for a Federal payment for school improvement, as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Within this amount, \$13,000,000 is for public schools, \$13,000,000 is for public charter schools, and \$14,800,000 is to provide opportunity scholarships.

FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR A CONSOLIDATED LABORATORY FACILITY

The amended bill provides \$5,000,000 for a Federal payment for a consolidated laboratory facility in the District of Columbia, instead of \$10,000,000 proposed by both the House and the Senate. The District of Columbia is directed to submit a spending plan describing the capital needs of this project. (as)

FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY/BRANCH LOCATIONS

The amended bill provides \$9,000,000 for a Federal payment to the District of Columbia for a central library and branch locations, instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate. (and)

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO REIMBURSE THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The amended bill provides a Federal payment of \$4,000,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the Senate, to:

- Reimburse the Federal Bureau of Investigation for laboratory services for District of Columbia cases for the sole purpose of:
 - evidence examination and subsequent DNA analysis for the District of Columbia cold case DNA backlog; and
 - expansion of resources dedicated to the processing of District of Columbia cases, including personnel, after October 1, 2007; and
- Data entry and analysis for District of Columbia cold cases.

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

The amended bill provides \$5,000,000 for a Federal payment to the Executive Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia instead of \$14,000,000 as proposed by the Senate, to enhance the quality of life for District residents. Of this amount \$1,000,000 is to enhance local efforts for improving water quality of the Anacostia River, \$1,000,000 is for historic preservation, \$2,000,000 is for support of the Mayor's new public education initiative, and \$1,000,000 is to expand pediatric health care. The Mayor of the District of Columbia is directed to submit a detailed spending plan to the Committees on Appropriations, including performance measures, before these funds may be expended within 30 days of enactment of this Act. The Mayor is further directed to submit a progress report on these activities no later than June 1, 2008 and a final report describing outcomes achieved no later than November 1, 2009.

HIV/AIDS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

It is noted that the President requested over \$5,000,000,000 for prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS overseas. Yet an epidemic has developed in Washington, DC, our Nation's capital. While on average the United States has 14 cases of HIV per 100,000 people, there are 128 cases per 100,000 in Washington, DC. The Committees on

Appropriations expect that given the billions of dollars that is appropriated each year for HIV/AIDS programs overseas, the President in his fiscal year 2009 budget submission will request specific Federal funds for the District of Columbia to combat the City's health crisis.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FUNDS

The amended bill provides authority for the District of Columbia to spend \$9,773,775,000 from the General Fund of the District of Columbia. Of the funds provided, \$6,111,623,000 is from local funds, of which \$339,989,000 is from the general fund balance; \$2,015,854,000 is from the Federal grant funds; \$1,637,736,000 is from other funds; and \$8,562,000 is from private funds. In addition, the District may use \$114,905,000 from funds previously appropriated in this Act.

For capital construction, the amended bill provides an additional \$1,607,703,000. Of the funds provided, \$1,042,712,000 is from local funds, \$38,523,000 is from the Highway Trust Fund, \$73,260,000 is from the Local Street Maintenance Fund, \$75,000,000 is from revenue bonds, \$150,000,000 is from financing for the consolidated laboratory facility, \$42,200,000 is for stadium construction, and \$186,008,000 is from Federal grant funds. In addition, \$212,696,000 of prior year local funds are rescinded. In total, \$1,395,007,000 is provided.

TITLE V

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

The amended bill includes no funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), instead of \$116,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Funding for the CFTC will be addressed in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$80,000,000 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), instead of \$70,000,000 as proposed by the Senate or \$66,838,000 as proposed by the House. The amended bill also allows \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$500 as proposed by the House.

Increases in the CPSC's budget are to be directed toward increased staff, workspace, and information technology resources, with the objective of considerably improving the CPSC's ability to safeguard consumers against dangerous products. In particular, the CPSC shall hire in the areas of hazard identification and reduction, as well as compliance and field operations. With these additional resources, the CPSC shall intensify monitoring of children's products and redouble its efforts to keep dangerous toys and other products out of children's hands.

The Appropriations Committees emphasize the importance of replacing and upgrading the CPSC's testing laboratory and expect the fiscal year 2009 budget request to include sufficient funding to provide for a new facility.

House report language directing CPSC to include a full report on its information technology modernization requirements in its fiscal year 2009 budget request is reiterated.

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$16,530,000 for salaries and expenses of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), instead of \$15,467,000 as proposed by the House and

\$16,517,000 as proposed by the Senate. Senate report language directing that \$750,000 be provided for the Help America Vote Act College Program, a competitive grant program administered by the EAC, is adopted. The House included \$750,000 for this program under the heading “Election Reform Programs”.

The amended bill also includes \$200,000 for a competitive award program for mock elections for students in secondary education programs. The Senate bill included \$300,000 for this purpose, and the House bill included (under “Election Reform Programs”) \$200,000 for a mock election program authorized under the Help America Vote Act. Funds may be used for eligible grantees for operating a nationwide program of simulated elections, and may support other activities including, but not limited to, forums, speeches, debates, student competitions, mock press conferences, and efforts to increase voter turnout. Senate report language is adopted directing that before funding is awarded, any grantee shall explain in detail how the mock elections are to be conducted, the number of students participating, guidelines that the program employs, internal fiscal controls used, and a statement attesting to the non-partisanship of the program.

In addition, the overall amount provided to this account includes \$112,500 for administrative costs related to the mock election competitive award program and the election data collection grants program.

The Appropriations Committees concur with House and Senate report language regarding the public release of research reports funded through the EAC. While the EAC may issue its own final reports and present its own conclusions on commissioned research, Federally-funded draft research reports presented to the EAC shall be available to the public without substantial edits. Researchers contracted to prepare those reports shall also be free to discuss their research following conclusion of the contract.

ELECTION REFORM PROGRAMS

The amended bill provides \$115,000,000 for election reform programs, instead of \$300,950,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate did not propose funding this account. This funding will be available to states for assistance in meeting the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

The amended bill does not include language proposed by the House regarding the Help America Vote College Program or the mock election program, which are addressed instead under “Salaries and Expenses”. The amended bill also does not include language proposed by the House requiring states to file new state plans.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes \$313,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Communications Commission as proposed by the House and the Senate. Of the amounts provided, \$312,000,000 is to be derived from offsetting fee collections, resulting in a net direct appropriation of \$1,000,000. The amended bill transfers \$21,480,000 from the Universal Service Fund to the Office of Inspector General, instead of \$20,980,000 as proposed by the House and \$20,480,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The amended bill provides for \$2,500,000 for the digital television consumer education and outreach initiative, an increase of \$1,000,000 above the budget request. The Appropriations Committees encourage the maximum possible effort in preparing consumers for the digital television transition scheduled for February 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS-FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Section 510 extends an exemption for the Universal Service Fund as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include a similar provision.

Section 511 prohibits the Federal Communications Commission from changing rules governing the Universal Service Fund regarding single connection or primary line restrictions as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include a similar provision.

Election Data Collection Grants

The amended bill includes \$10,000,000 to carry out a pilot program, as specified in section 501 of this Act, relating to the collection of Federal election data at the state and precinct levels. To improve the administration of future elections, policy makers need accurate information on voter registration, ballots and ballot requests, election returns, voting error rates, election infrastructure and election policies and practices. However, the record has been poor with respect to state and local jurisdictions participating in, and providing meaningful data in response to, the EAC's voluntary Election Day Survey. This pilot program would enable five states to expand and improve the collection of election data to be provided to the EAC. The EAC shall report to Congress no later than June 30, 2009 on the impact of the pilot program.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The amended bill includes a transfer of \$26,848,000 to fund the Office of Inspector General as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$59,224,000 for salaries and expenses of the Commission as proposed by the House and the Senate.

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$23,641,000 for the Federal Labor Relations Authority as proposed by the House, instead of \$23,718,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$243,864,000 for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), instead of \$247,489,000 as proposed by the House and \$240,239,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amounts provided, \$139,000,000 is derived from Hart-Scott-Rodino premerger filing fees as proposed by the House, instead of \$144,600,000 as proposed by the Senate. Further, not to exceed \$23,000,000 is derived from Do-Not-Call fees, instead

of \$20,000,000 as proposed by the House or \$19,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. This results in a net discretionary appropriation of \$81,864,000.

The FTC shall allocate the increase above the President's request to high-priority activities, including subprime lending investigations, the implementation of the US SAFE WEB Act, actions to fight identity theft, activities relating to maintaining competition, and training and technical assistance to developing nations.

The Appropriations Committees recognize and support the FTC's international programs. The FTC should continue competition policy and consumer protection efforts, including training and technical assistance, in developing countries.

The amended bill does not include language, proposed by the Senate, to prohibit funds for removing the FTC from its headquarters building. The Appropriations Committees are not aware of any current, formal plan to relocate the FTC. However, the Committees would oppose such a plan and would support efforts to prevent any future proposal to relocate the FTC from moving forward. Moving the Commission out of its current location could raise rent costs and therefore unnecessarily increase must-pay bills. In addition, the FTC building, which was originally designed and built for the agency in 1938, is well-suited for the Commission's essential functions. In particular, the three large ceremonial courtrooms continue to serve the needs of the Commission to meet and adjudicate competition and consumer protection cases.

Senate report language requiring the FTC to submit a report on childhood obesity and food marketing is adopted. This report shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

The FTC shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations every six months summarizing its activities relating to ongoing reviews of mergers, acquisitions and other transactions in the oil and natural gas industries, the investigation of pricing behavior or any potential anticompetitive actions in those industries, and the resources that the Commission has devoted to such reviews and investigations during that period.

The FTC is encouraged to continue and strengthen activities in the area of consumer privacy protection, particularly with regard to Internet commerce. The Appropriations Committees are aware that this issue has been raised in the context of a recent FTC review of a proposed merger of Internet companies. The FTC should promote and, whenever possible, require adequate privacy safeguards for Internet users. This includes giving consumers knowledge and control over whether data may be collected from them by third parties as a result of their Internet activities. The FTC should also aggressively promote improved consumer awareness and education on Internet privacy matters, including requirements that Internet companies disclose on websites, in an obvious and consistent manner, what information they collect and how that information could be used.

Senate report language directing the FTC to submit reports relating to the antitrust implications of collective setting of debit and credit card interchange rates is not adopted. This issue is under the purview of the Department of Justice.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

REAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND

LIMITATIONS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF REVENUE

The amended bill provides resources from the Federal Buildings Fund in the aggregate of \$7,830,414,000 instead of \$7,834,612,000 as proposed by the House and \$8,370,706,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION

The amended bill limits funds for construction to \$531,448,000 instead of \$524,540,000 as proposed by the House and \$894,992,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Within this total, the amended bill includes \$225,000,000 in emergency funding as part of a homeland security border initiative. These funds will expedite construction at select land ports of entry, including one of the nation's most congested sites. The amended bill modifies the projects proposed by the House and Senate bills and provides funds for the following projects:

Project Name	Amount
Arizona: San Luis, Land Port of Entry I	7,053,000
California: San Ysidro, Land Port of Entry	199,179,000
Illinois: Rockford, United States Courthouse	58,792,000
Maine: Madawaska, Land Port of Entry	17,160,000
Maryland: Montgomery County, Food and Drug Administration Consolidation	57,749,000
Minnesota: Warroad, Land Port of Entry	43,628,000
Missouri: Jefferson City, United States Courthouse	66,000,000
New York: Alexandria Bay, Land Port of Entry	11,676,000
Texas: El Paso, Tornillo-Guadalupe Land Port of Entry	4,290,000
Texas: Donna/Rio Bravo International Bridge, Land Port of Entry	23,384,000
Vermont: Derby Line, Land Port of Entry	33,139,000

The Committees on Appropriations reiterate the concern of the Committees regarding the progress of the courthouse project in Los Angeles and direct the General Services Administration (GSA) to work collaboratively with the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and report to the Committees on Appropriations on the status of the project within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

The Appropriations Committees are supportive of the construction of the Tuscaloosa Federal Building and urge GSA to request funding for this important project.

GSA is directed to perform a cost benefit analysis of building a Federal courthouse in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at both the current courthouse site, as well as the site at 6th and Reilly Streets. The GSA is directed to report its finding to the Committees on Appropriations, the House Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committees within 60 days of enactment of this Act. GSA is further directed that no funding, in excess of what is necessary to support this

analysis, may be spent to design or begin construction of a courthouse at either site until after the findings are reported to the Committees.

REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

The amended bill limits resources for repairs and alterations to \$722,161,000 instead of \$733,267,000 as proposed by the House and \$804,483,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill provides funding for repairs and alterations of the following projects:

Project Name	Amount
District of Columbia: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Phase III	121,204,000
District of Columbia: Joint Operations Center	12,800,000
District of Columbia: Nebraska Avenue Complex	27,673,000
Nevada: Reno, C. Clifton Young Federal Building and Courthouse	12,793,000
New York: New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse	170,544,000
West Virginia: Martinsburg, Internal Revenue Service Enterprise Computing Center	35,822,000

INSTALLMENT ACQUISITION PAYMENTS

The amended bill includes a limitation of \$155,781,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate for installment acquisition payments.

RENTAL OF SPACE

The amended bill provides a limitation of \$4,315,534,000 for payments of rental of space as proposed by the House, instead of \$4,383,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The Committees on Appropriations have become aware that GSA's National Capital Region has decided to reverse a long-standing policy and begin to charge rent to

the National Aquarium – DC, which is located in the Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB). The Aquarium, built in 1931, has inspired visitors and contributed to their understanding of the importance of aquatic ecosystems. The Committees are concerned ~~that that~~ the “market rate” used by the GSA to determine the rental rate does not equitably reflect the unique history and mission of the Aquarium, nor does it adequately reflect the current state of conditions in the basement of the HCHB. Given these factors, GSA is directed to work with the National Aquarium – DC to reach an equitable agreement regarding rent either through waiver, deferral, or reduction. The GSA is directed to report back to the Committees on Appropriations no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act on the progress of this agreement.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The amended bill includes a limitation of \$2,105,490,000 for building operations as proposed by the House instead of \$2,132,450,000 as proposed by the Senate. Language is included, requested in the President’s budget, which designates \$500,000 to be used for a competitive contribution to entities which coordinate long term siting of Federal buildings and employment in the National Capital Region.

The Committees on Appropriations are concerned about recent increases in charges from other agencies for security, especially for vacant space. The agencies are encouraged to develop an equitable agreement regarding such charges.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

GOVERNMENT-WIDE POLICY

The amended bill provides \$52,891,000, instead of \$64,791,000 as proposed by the Senate and follows the account structure of the Senate bill. The House bill did not reflect this account structure. The Committees on Appropriations understand GSA has

achieved savings in this account of \$1,900,000 and have therefore reduced the funding in this account accordingly.

The Committees on Appropriations are supportive of the Senate language regarding environmental and energy efficiency, but due to funding constraints, did not provide \$10,000,000 for the use of photovoltaic energy in public buildings as authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. However, GSA is encouraged to continue such efforts and ~~direct~~ GSA to report to the Committees on Appropriations as stipulated in the Senate report.

The Administrator of the GSA is directed to report back to the Committees on Appropriations no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act on proposed and ongoing measures taken by the GSA to reduce federal consumption of conventional diesel fuel through the use of blended renewable fuels and biofuels, in compliance with Executive Order 13423.

GSA should encourage federal agencies to consider procurement of products, which when compared to similar products, possess a technological improvement or other added value at the same or lower cost. Added value includes, but is not limited to the protection of public health, the environment, or public safety, for example, rodent control.

OPERATING EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$85,870,000 for Operating Expenses, instead of \$89,547,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not propose funding for this account. The amended bill does not include the Policy and Operations account as proposed by the House, ~~included~~ had consolidated the funding and activities of the Operating Expenses and Government-wide Policy accounts, as proposed by the President.

The amended bill includes \$48,382,000 for the Office of Inspector General (OIG), instead of \$53,382,000 as proposed by the House and \$52,682,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill provides \$15,000 for payment of information and detection of fraud.

The following language from the Senate report with modifications, is included:

- Neither GSA personnel nor associated contractors, subcontractors, or private attorneys will attempt to impede through intimidation or obfuscation, or in any other way, thwart an audit or investigation undertaken by the OIG under the Inspector General (IG) Act and may not access emails from or to the OIG for such purposes without permission;
- GSA will not automatically obligate and disburse the funds appropriated for the OIG without prior OIG consent;
- GSA will not attempt to impose any unwarranted or unexplained charges from OIG's appropriated funds. The OIG will, however, continue to be responsible for contributing to agencywide support functions;
- All budget submissions from OIG will be transmitted by GSA without any alteration to OMB, and all comments and passbacks from OMB on such submissions will be conveyed accurately to OIG;
- GSA will not impose any freeze on hiring in OIG at any level, including the Senior Executive Service (SES), in order to facilitate the OIG's ability to implement the IG Act;
- OIG shall exercise authority independent of GSA for processing the announcement and filling of all SES vacancies, including the processing of all personnel functions associated with those positions, allocated by GSA to OIG personnel functions within the OIG; OIG shall retain its authorization to perform all personnel functions for non-SES positions; and
- The Administrator shall consider lapsed balance requests from the OIG in a timely manner before termination of the lapsed balance period. The OIG is directed to include lapsed balances in the annual budget submission.

ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT FUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$3,000,000 for the electronic government fund, instead of \$2,970,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. GSA is directed to evaluate the pricing structure of its services to Federal agencies to determine if GSA is overcharging its Federal clients and report back to the Committees on Appropriations its findings no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act.

ALLOWANCES AND OFFICE STAFF FOR FORMER PRESIDENTS
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes \$2,478,000 for allowances and office staff for former presidents, instead of \$2,500,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate. This reflects the decreased requirement for funding due to the passing of President Johnson's widow, "Lady Bird" Johnson.

FEDERAL CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER FUND

The amended bill provides \$17,328,000 for the Federal Citizen Information Center, instead of \$15,798,000 as proposed by the House and \$17,790,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill further provides reimbursable authority of up to \$42,000,000 to be deposited into the account for fiscal year 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS – GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

2 The amended bill includes the following administrative provisions for the General Services Administration that were proposed by both the House and the Senate:

- section 520 authorizing GSA to credit certain accounts with funds received from government corporations;
- section 521 authorizing the use of funds for the hire of motor vehicles;

- section 522 authorizing the transfer of funds from Federal Buildings Fund to other appropriations with the advance approval of Congress;
- section 523 limiting funds for courthouse construction to certain capital improvement plan standards;
- section 524 limiting funds to increase occupiable square feet, cleaning services, security enhancements or other services to agencies which do not pay the requested rent; and
- section 525 permitting GSA to pay small claims against the Government.

In addition, the amended bill includes the following administrative provisions:

Section 526 prohibits the use of funds for GSA to reorganize its organizational structure except through an operating plan change as proposed by the Senate.

Section 527 requires that the Administrator shall ensure that the delineated area of procurement for all lease agreements is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus unless prior notice is given to the Committees in the form of an explanatory statement.

The Committees on Appropriations are concerned about the allocation of leased GSA office space in the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. Evidence indicates that there is a disparity between the leased space awarded in Prince George's County and that of nearby jurisdictions in the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. Specifically, the concern is regarding the lack of space awarded around Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority stations in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Furthermore, it is noted that lease prospectuses #PMD-01-WA07 and #PDC-05-WA07 have been awaiting procurement and the Committees expect compliance with the provisions authorized in the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's fiscal year 2008 lease resolutions.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes \$37,507,000 in direct appropriations and \$2,579,000 from appropriate trust funds, for salaries and expenses of the Board as proposed by the House and the Senate.

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY FOUNDATION

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
TRUST FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$3,750,000 for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Trust Fund as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$2,000,000 as proposed by the House.

ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND

The amended bill includes \$2,000,000 for the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
OPERATING EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$315,000,000 for operating expenses of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) as proposed by the House, instead of \$313,911,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amount represents an increase of \$2,126,000 above the Administration's request. The amount above the request is directed to be targeted first to restore the public research hours that were in place prior to October 2006, and then to provide for increases in NARA's archivist staff, to help reverse staffing reductions that have been made in recent years. NARA is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations, within 30 days of enactment, on specific steps NARA is taking to restore the research hours and to bolster NARA's archivist workforce.

ELECTRONIC RECORDS ARCHIVES

The amended bill includes \$58,028,000 for the Electronic Records Archives (ERA) project, as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The amended bill also retains the directive requiring NARA to submit, and for the Committees on Appropriations to approve, a GAO-reviewed spending plan for ERA prior to the obligation of funds.

The Appropriations Committees are increasingly concerned about the ERA program, NARA's oversight of the program, and the reliability of the work of the ERA contractor. The program has already experienced significant delays, as well as a cost overrun of approximately \$15,000,000. Further, there has been no progress toward a cost-sharing agreement whereby NARA would share with the contractor the cost of the overrun. Failure to reach agreement on a cost share will mean that taxpayers will inevitably be left to pay the full amount of the cost overrun, even for delays and failures caused by the contractor.

In addition, the ERA program continues to face significant risks that could jeopardize the ability of NARA to receive the electronic records of the current Administration in time for the January 2009 change in Administrations. Such a delay

would be particularly harmful, for example, in the case of electronic national security records that are classified. These records will be needed in an accessible format to facilitate the national security work of the next Administration. While the Appropriations Committees recognize that NARA is now planning to use a separate off-the-shelf system to receive the current Administration's records, this effort is in the early planning stages and its cost and schedule have yet to be fully established.

Further ERA project delays, especially at this important juncture, are unacceptable. NARA is directed to keep the Committees on Appropriations fully informed of the progress on the ERA effort and of efforts to reach a cost share agreement with the contractor on the cost overrun. NARA should also inform the Committees specifically of how the reallocation of funds from the ERA project to acquire a new system for Presidential records will affect the ERA project. In addition, NARA is directed to provide monthly ERA progress reports, beginning no later than 30 days after enactment, to both GAO and to the Committees on Appropriations.

REPAIRS AND RESTORATION

The amended bill includes \$28,605,000 for repairs and restoration instead of \$16,095,000 as proposed by the House and \$25,173,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill provides: (1) \$8,663,000 for ongoing repairs and restoration at NARA facilities; (2) \$8,000,000 for property acquisition, site preparation, construction, expansion, and renovation work for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library; (3) \$750,000 for design work on renovations to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library; (4) \$7,432,000 for construction of an archival addition to the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library; and (5) \$3,760,000 to complete the repair and restoration of the plaza that surrounds the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library.

NARA is directed to update its comprehensive capital needs assessment for its entire infrastructure of presidential libraries and records facilities. The fiscal year 2008 President's Budget provided funding for ongoing repairs only to records facilities,

leaving presidential libraries—some of which are in major disrepair—sorely in need of support and at risk for flooding and other potential dangers. The Appropriations Committees urge that the fiscal year 2009 President's Budget include funding for both records facilities and presidential libraries.

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION GRANTS PROGRAM
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes \$9,500,000 for NARA's grant program, instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate. Of the amount provided, \$2,000,000 is to be transferred to the operating expenses account.

The Appropriations Committees are concerned about the lengthy amount of time currently required to complete the publication of the Founding Fathers historical papers projects. These projects began in the 1960s and are expected to continue two or more decades until completion. Mindful of the technologies and tools currently available, the Committees believe the Archivist should accelerate the process for delivering the papers of the Founding Fathers to the American people. Therefore, the Archivist is directed, as Chairman of the NHPRC, to develop a comprehensive plan for the online electronic publication, within a reasonable timeframe, of the papers of the Founding Fathers and to submit this plan to the Committees on Appropriations no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS
ADMINISTRATION

The amended bill modifies language proposed by the Senate requiring NARA to include, as part of its fiscal year 2009 budget justifications, a prioritized capital needs assessment for NARA facilities.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

CENTRAL LIQUIDITY FACILITY

The amended bill provides a limitation of \$1,500,000,000 on direct loans as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The amended bill includes \$975,000 for the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund, instead of \$1,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$950,000 as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$11,750,000 for salaries and expenses of the Office of Government Ethics as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF TRUST FUNDS)

The amended bill includes \$101,765,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House and the Senate. In addition, the amended bill transfers \$123,901,000 from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) trust funds for salaries and expenses, instead of \$123,401,000 as proposed by the House and \$124,401,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$26,965,000 shall be for the cost of automating the retirement

recordkeeping systems, instead of \$26,465,000 as proposed by the House and \$27,465,000 as proposed by the Senate.

As proposed by both the House and the Senate, the Appropriations Committees agree to provide up to \$2,500 for reception and representation costs, \$5,991,000 to remain available until expended for the enterprise human resources integration project, \$1,351,000 to remain available until expended for the human resources line of business project, \$340,000 to remain available until expended for the e-payroll project, and \$170,000 to remain available until expended for the e-training project.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee (FPRAC) has created a working group to consider new regulatory criteria for defining wage areas and to make recommendations to OPM. These criteria and recommendations will affect certain wage areas of interest to the Committees on Appropriations, including the Boston, Massachusetts, and the Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, wage areas. The FPRAC shall report to the Committees on Appropriations on the working group's wage area criteria recommendations no later than April 30, 2008.

(RSM) The Appropriations Committees understand that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has concerns about whether OPM is effectively managing the Retirement Systems Modernization program, particularly regarding whether OPM is taking necessary actions to ensure that system tests are successfully executed and that all critical system defects are addressed prior to system deployment. Accordingly, not later than February 20, 2008, OPM shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations and GAO that includes RSM system test results and describes the status of system defect resolution. The report should also describe OPM's progress toward developing a reliable program cost estimate and instituting reliable earned value management for the RSM program. GAO shall provide the Committee on Appropriations and OPM with comments on the report.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF TRUST FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$1,519,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House and the Senate. In addition, \$17,081,000 is provided from the OPM trust funds as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$16,981,000 as proposed by the House. Funding above the budget request is provided to support audits and investigations.

GOVERNMENT PAYMENT FOR ANNUITANTS, EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS

The amended bill provides such sums as necessary for health benefits payments as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

GOVERNMENT PAYMENT FOR ANNUITANTS, EMPLOYEES LIFE INSURANCE

The amended bill provides such sums as necessary for life insurance payments as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

PAYMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND

The amended bill provides such sums as necessary for retirement and disability payments as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$17,468,000 for salaries and expenses for the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), instead of \$16,368,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Additional funding of \$1,100,000 is included to assist OSC with computer forensics in connection with its Special Task Force investigations.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$906,000,000 for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), instead of \$908,442,000 as proposed by the House and \$905,330,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The amended bill includes \$20,000 to fund a permanent secretariat for the International Organization of Securities Commissions as proposed by the House, instead of \$13,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The amended bill permits not to exceed \$3,500 for official reception and representation expenses as proposed by the House, instead of \$3,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The amended bill provides that \$63,262,000 shall be derived from prior year unobligated balances, instead of \$41,397,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

Smaller public companies deserve their own advocate within the SEC to help them face the joint challenge of meeting section 404 compliance deadlines with untested risk-based regulation. The Appropriations Committees recognize the important role of the Commission's Office of Small Business Policy and direct it to act as the Commission's Small Business Ombudsman. The Office is encouraged to maintain an 'open door'

policy, regularly soliciting comments from small businesses and publishing their concerns within the Commission, to assure that the needs of small business are reflected in the Commission's rules, and in the interpretations and guidance the SEC provides to the public.

The Appropriations Committees are concerned about costs that may confront small businesses complying with section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related SEC guidance and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board auditing standards. Therefore, the Committees are supportive of the recent decision by the SEC to delay for an additional year the requirement for an auditor's attestation of management's assessment of internal controls. The Committees understand that the SEC is collecting cost data and will assess that data to determine whether the current guidance and standards, approved in May 2007, pose an unreasonable financial burden on small businesses. The SEC is directed to solicit the views of affected small businesses during this process.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$22,000,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The amended bill also includes language to allow the President to waive provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1341 when it is necessary for the interest of national defense.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$344,123,000 for the salaries and expenses account of the Small Business Administration (SBA), instead of \$346,553,000 as proposed by the House and \$412,103,000 as proposed by the Senate. An additional amount for initiatives

related to small business development and entrepreneurship is provided under SBA administrative provisions.

Of the amounts provided under this heading, \$203,177,000 is for operating expenses of the SBA. In addition, a total of \$144,414,000 from other SBA accounts may be transferred to and merged with the salaries and expenses account, resulting in a total availability for salaries and expenses of \$347,591,000. The additional amount consists of \$135,414,000 from the Business Loans Program account and \$9,000,000 (provided as part of Public Law 110-28) from the Disaster Loans Program account for the administrative expenses related to those accounts.

Non-Credit Programs.--No less than the following amounts shall be dedicated to these non-credit programs of the SBA:

(in thousands of dollars)

Veterans Programs	\$743
7(j) Technical Assistance Programs	2,300
Small Business Development Centers	97,120
SCORE	4,950
Women's Business Centers	13,000
Women's Business Council	743
Native American Outreach	1,000
Drug-free Workplace Program	990
Microloan Technical Assistance	15,000
PRIME	3,000
HUBZone	2,100
Total, non-credit programs	140,946,000

In addition, the Appropriations Committees expect that the National Ombudsman; the Office of Advocacy, including support for the Advocacy Database; international trade programs; and the defense transition program receive no less than the fiscal year 2007 level of funding.

The amended bill does not include language proposed by the Senate to designate 41 percent of the total Women's Business Centers funding for centers in sustainability status.

The Appropriations Committees are aware that there are certain rural areas that are underutilized business areas but are excluded from HUBZone designation based on the current program authorization. SBA is encouraged to continue to examine ways to incorporate these areas into any future revisions of the Small Business Act.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The amended bill provides \$15,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General of the Small Business Administration as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

SURETY BOND GUARANTEES REVOLVING FUND

The amended bill provides \$3,000,000 for this account as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

BUSINESS LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides \$137,414,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$217,944,000 as proposed by the House. The amount includes \$2,000,000 for subsidies for direct business loans as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$2,530,000 as proposed by the House. The Appropriations Committees note that entrepreneurs who have served on active duty in the military or are currently in the National Guard and Reserve have particular challenges in maintaining the viability of their businesses. The SBA shall give veterans and service members as much support as possible in securing capital through the 7(a) loan guarantee program, including through the Patriot Express Loan Initiative and other SBA programs targeted at veterans.

The amended bill also includes \$135,414,000, within the total amount appropriated, for administrative expenses related to business loan programs as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The amount provided for administrative expenses may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for SBA salaries and expenses to cover the common overhead expenses associated with business loans.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS--SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Section 530 of the amended bill allows transfers between accounts as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

Section 531 requires that all loans issued in Alaska or North Dakota be administered by the Small Business Administration and not be sold during fiscal year 2008 as proposed by the Senate.

Section 532 modifies language proposed by the Senate to provide for technical corrections to Public Law 109-108.

Section 533 amends Public Law 110-28 by placing “up to” before \$25,000,000 provided for the disaster loan program.

Section 534 provides additional amounts for small business development and entrepreneurship initiatives, including programmatic and construction activities, to be awarded as follows:

Project Name	Amount
Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission, Minority and Small Business Development and Procurement Opportunities	282,000
Adelante Development Center, Albuquerque, NM	500,000
Advantage West Economic Development Group, Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program	282,000
Alabama A&M Research Institute for Small Business Training and Development	200,000
Alabama Entrepreneurial Research Network, Small Business Incubator, Tuscaloosa, AL	250,000
Alabama Small Business Institute of Commerce, Small Business Incubator, Rainbow City, AL	200,000
Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation to develop business assistance software tools	282,000
Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation's Entrepreneurial Institute, Altoona, PA	300,000
Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University	900,000
Ashland County, OH, Career Center for the Northeast Central Ohio Bioscience Consortium	500,000
Barry University for the Institute for Community and Economic Development	175,000
Ben Franklin Technology Partners	250,000
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center Workforce Development Initiative	182,000
Bridgeport Regional Business Council for One Coast, One Future	250,000
Bronx Council on the Arts for marketing of local business arts initiatives	169,000
Brooklyn College, Entrepreneurial Center	282,000
Buffalo Niagara International Trade Foundation, World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara, Buffalo, NY	282,000
Business incubator, Illinois State University	250,000
California State University, Pasadena Biotech Training Facility	282,000
Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Caribbean American Trade Center/Business Incubator renovation	282,000
Cedarbridge small business incubator, Lakewood, NJ	467,882
Center for Economic Growth, Business Acceleration Program, Greene County, NY	282,000
Center for Entrepreneurial Growth, Hamilton County, TN	200,000
Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology, Reno, NV	200,000
Center for Rural Affairs for small business training and technical assistance website, Lyons, NE	250,000
Center for Women and Enterprise, RI, CWE Technology Learning Center	100,000
City of Buffalo, NY for small business assistance	500,000
City of Charlotte, NC, Belvedere Business Park Project	282,000
City of Chicago, IL, Small business assistance program for ex-offenders	282,000
City of Inglewood, CA, Grow Inglewood	500,000
City of Los Angeles, Adams-La Brea Retail Project	282,000
Colorado State University, Sustainable Biofuels Development Center	400,000
Columbus College of Art and Design for an industrial design center	300,000
Community Child Care Facility for the facilitation of daycare needs of small businesses in the area, Manhattan, KS	500,000
Community College of Philadelphia, Northeast Regional Center for Small Business Education, Growth, & Training	282,000
Connected Technologies Corridor, Athens, WV	150,000
Cuyahoga Community College, Veterans Outreach and Business Development Center	282,000

Dartmouth Regional Technology Center	282,000
Delaware County Community College Small Business Center, Media, PA	282,000
Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, Business Attraction program	282,000
Detroit Renaissance for a business district	282,000
DuPage Technology Park to establish a minority business incubator	250,000
Economic Development Coalition of Southeast Michigan for business accelerator, Wayne County, MI	500,000
Economic Development Coalition of Southeast Michigan, Ann Arbor SPARK Business Accelerator	282,000
Education Initiative, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL	750,000
Entrepreneurial Development Center Business Accelerator, Cedar Rapids, IA	650,000
Equipment for Pharmaceutical Small Business Development at the University of Kansas	700,000
Expansion of the Incubator at the Purdue Technology Center of Northwest Indiana	282,000
Experience Works, Inc in Richmond Hill, GA	500,000
Experience Works, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Arlington, VA	282,000
Fairplex Trade and Conference Center, Pomona, CA	250,000
Federal HUBZone Incubator in Elizabeth City, NC	282,000
Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities for training to address workforce shortage in nursing and allied health, Springfield, IL	250,000
First State Innovation, Inc. for business development organization focused on high tech businesses, Wilmington, DE.	500,000
Florida Business Continuity and Risk Management Center, Pensacola, FL	500,000
Franklin Hospital archiving and communications system, Benton, IL	400,000
Friends of the Big South Fork for community and economic development	282,000
GAMBIT/FAST Manufacturing & Business Technology Center, Salt Lake City, UT	500,000
Grambling State University Expanding Minority Entrepreneurship Regionally Across the Louisiana Delta [EMERALD] Program (Lincoln Parish)	250,000
Great Plains Energy Corridor Coordinating Office, Bismarck, ND	250,000
Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce	282,000
Greater North Louisiana Community Development Corporation	650,000
Greyston Foundation, Workforce Development Initiative, Yonkers, NY	282,000
Haddad Riverfront Park renovations, Charleston, WV	2,400,000
Hispanic business and demographic information initiative, University of Nevada, Reno.	400,000
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis to open and equip a business technology research center	500,000
Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network telecommunication pilot initiative for small business development	282,000
Historic Downtown Retail Project, Valley Economic Development Center	282,000
Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology facility	282,000
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for statewide broadband infrastructure and connectivity, Springfield, IL	2,000,000
Illinois Institute of Technology, Innovating Manufacturing Education	282,000
Indiana State University, Center for New Business Development, Terre Haute, IN	500,000
Industrial Outreach Center at Mississippi State University	450,000
Innovation Center at the University of Mississippi for a business incubator	500,000
Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción's Employment Services Initiative	100,000
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research for a business development initiative	250,000
Jackson State University for continuation of the Lynch Street Corridor Redevelopment	500,000
John C. Calhoun Community College for robotics training equipment	175,000
Johnson and Wales University, Latino Business Outreach Program	182,000
Johnstown Area Regional Industries Incubator and Workforce Development program	282,000
Kulanu, Vocational Education Program for employment skills development	282,000

LaGuardia Community College, Emerging Designers Unit	282,000
Lewis and Clark State College for business training tools	153,000
Lorain County Community College, Entrepreneurship Innovation Center	282,000
Louisville Medical Center Development Corporation, LMCDC/MetaCytte Business Labs and Incubator	282,000
Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development, Macomb County Business Accelerator	282,000
Maritime Business Training Center for Construction of a Training Facility, Covington, LA	150,000
Marshalltown Community College for a rural entrepreneurship incubator	250,000
Medina County, OH, Office of Workforce Development	394,000
Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation	175,000
Mississippi State University for the Convergence of Scientists and Entrepreneurs to Expedite Commercialization	600,000
Mississippi Technology Alliance Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Alliances.	1,000,000
Mitchell College of Business, Business Library and Career Resource Center	250,000
Montana State University's manufacturing extension center	200,000
Montana World Trade Center	583,000
Montgomery College, Germantown Biotechnology Project	282,000
Nanotechnology Applied Science Laboratory, North Dakota State College of Science	351,000
National Association of Development Organizations	100,000
National Federation of the Blind, Access to Libraries and Learning: Creating Technology for the Blind to promote entrepreneurship	282,000
New College Institute to support economic development and small business development	100,000
New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners for women's business growth initiative, Hamilton, NJ	150,000
Newport County Chamber of Commerce for marine trades training expansion, Newport, RI	500,000
North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center Rural Ventures Fund	282,000
North Iowa Area Community College for a regional economic development organization	100,000
North Side Industrial Development Co., New Business-New Beginning Program	150,000
Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Northland Entrepreneur Development System for technical assistance, Virginia, MN	282,000
Northeast Louisiana Business and Community Development Center, University of Louisiana at Monroe	450,000
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Economic Development for business outreach center, New York, NY	275,000
Northwest Agriculture Business Center, Burlington, WA	400,000
Northwest Enterprise Center Network for business incubators, Spooner, WI	750,000
Northwestern University, Molecular Therapeutics and Diagnostics Building	282,000
Ohio University, Economic Development through Entrepreneurship in Appalachia	282,000
Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry and Tourism	175,000
Operation New Hope in FL	350,000
Pellissippi Research Centre on the Oak Ridge Corridor R&D Community, Alcoa, TN	200,000
Peoria NEXT Innovation Center	250,000
Phoenix House, Drug-free workplace initiatives	282,000
Pontotoc/Union/Lee County Alliance for industrial park development and small business assistance.	1,500,000
Portland State University Science Research and Teaching Center	500,000
Ready to Work project in Ohio	400,000
Rio Hondo College, Automotive Technician Training Demonstration Project	282,000

Rochester Tooling and Machining Association for workforce development programs	125,000
Rock Valley College for a manufacturing career development and training program	125,000
Rockford Area Ventures Small Business Incubator and Technology Commercialization Center	125,000
Rockland Small Business Development Center, Small Business Employment Assistance	282,000
Rowan University South Jersey Technology Park, Glassboro, NJ	350,000
Safer Foundation for transitional employment placement, Chicago, IL	300,000
San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, SPUR Urban Center	282,000
Seattle-King County Workforce Development Council for Puget Sound regional economic development initiative	360,767
Seedco Financial Services Alabama Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Investment Initiative for technical assistance and training	282,000
SEKTDA for economic and small business development in Southern and Eastern Kentucky	600,000
Sephardic Angel Fund Financial Literacy & Business Youth Education Project, Brooklyn, NY	282,000
SER-Jobs for Progress National, Dual-language Financial Literacy Technology Training	282,000
Shawnee State University for an Immersive Technology and Arts Center	250,000
Shoals Entrepreneurial Career Network Renovation, Small Business Incubator, Florence, AL	200,000
Sierra College for a mechatronics workforce training initiative	300,000
Small business development center at Highline Community College, Des Moines, WA	454,000
Small business trade assistance office, Prince George's County, MD	400,000
Soundview Community in Action technology and business development services	282,000
South Dakota School of Mines, Black Hills Nanoscale Minerals Institute, infrastructure development	282,000
South Side Innovation Center	100,000
South Topeka Boulevard Business Corridor for infrastructure upgrades, Topeka, KS	1,000,000
Southeastern Louisiana University Hispanic Business and Leadership Institute, Hammond, LA	100,000
Spanish American Merchants Association, Statewide Technical Assistance & Resource Program, Hartford, CT	282,000
St. Jerome's Church Community Center project for job skills training, Bronx, NY	150,000
Student Business Incubator at the University of Northern Iowa	500,000
Technical Education and Training Center, Sedgwick County, KS	1,000,000
Technology Entrepreneurship Development at the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, Topeka, KS	428,351
TechRanch Technology Venture Center, Bozeman, MT	500,000
The Enterprise Center in TN	600,000
The Illinois Institute of Technology, technology incubator	282,000
The N2TEC Institute for a rural technology-based economic development program, Rapid City, SD	500,000
The University of Texas at San Antonio, UTSA Mexico Center, business development research	282,000
Thomas More College for training programs in the fields of health sciences and healthcare management	250,000
Thurgood Marshall College Fund for the Minority Community Small Business & Economic Development Initiative	282,000
Tribal Governance and Economic Development Center, Mashpee, MA	500,000
Uhlich Children's Advantage Network for job training, placement and retention services, Chicago, IL	250,000

University of Arkansas Research and Technology Park	500,000
University of Connecticut, Avery Point for the Avery Point Technology Incubation Center	282,000
University of Kentucky/New Product Development and Commercialization Center for Rural Manufacturers	900,000
University of Maryland-Baltimore BioPark	282,000
University of Missouri for an Asian Equities Research Center, Kansas City, MO	700,000
University of Missouri, Kansas City, KCSOURCE Link, Vet Link for small business development for veterans	282,000
University of Notre Dame, Robinson Enterprises Community Learning Center	282,000
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford for an entrepreneurship center	43,000
University of South Florida to establish a Center for the Development of Information Technology	600,000
University of Southern Maine, Lewiston-Auburn College, The Learning Works project	282,000
University of Southern Mississippi National Center for Excellence in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship.	300,000
University of Texas Brownsville International Trade Center	282,000
Urban League of Rochester, Minority and Women Business Development Programs	100,000
USS Saratoga Museum Foundation, workforce development program	282,000
Valley Economic Development Center, Technical Assistance Office	282,000
Valley Economic Development Center, Valley Initiative for Business Expansion	282,000
Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies for a small business incubator, Burlington, VT	750,000
Vermont Small Business Development Center for veterans' business program, Randolph Center, VT	300,000
Virginia Center for Innovative Technology energy independence program, Herndon, VA	225,000
Virginia Small Business Workforce Web Portal Project, Richmond, VA	500,000
Wallace State Community College for an integrated manufacturing center	175,000
Wayne County, MI, Department of Public Services to develop technologies to support small business	250,000
Wayne County, NY, for a business development initiative	300,000
West Virginia University Research Corporation for renovations of a small business incubator	282,000
Western MA Enterprise Fund, technical assistance for developing enterprises	282,000
Wheeling Park Commission for a conference center at National Training Center for Public Facility Managers, Wheeling, WV	1,000,000
Williamsburg County, South Carolina, commodity development small business initiative	282,000
Wittenberg University to expand business education	600,000
Women's Business Development Center, Stamford, CT	300,000
Women's Business Resource Center, New Orleans, LA	45,000
Workforce Initiative Association in Canton, OH	494,000
Youngstown Edison Incubator Corporation and the Youngstown Central Area Community Improvement Corp, Youngstown Business Incubator	282,000
Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber, Salute to Success, Business Entrepreneurship Incubator	282,000

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

PAYMENT TO THE POSTAL SERVICE FUND

The amended bill provides \$117,864,000 for payment to the Postal Service Fund as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$88,864,000 as proposed by the House. Of the total amount provided, \$88,864,000 is provided as an advance appropriation for free mail for the blind and overseas voters to be available on October 1, 2008. The agreement also includes \$29,000,000 for repayment for revenue forgone.

The Appropriations Committees are concerned about the findings of a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report released in June 2007, as well as GAO testimony before Congress in July 2007, that raise serious questions about the United States Postal Service's mail realignment efforts. The GAO noted its concerns relating to several issues, including "USPS's unclear criteria for selecting facilities and deciding on [area mail processing (AMP)] consolidations, the use of inconsistent data calculations, limited measures of the effect of changes on delivery performance, and a lack of appropriate stakeholder and public input when considering potential AMP consolidations." The Committees question the efficacy of proceeding with AMP consolidations if decisions are being made with inadequate data analysis and stakeholder input, and also if it is unclear whether such consolidations will adversely affect timely mail delivery. The Committees are particularly concerned about AMP consolidations in Sioux City, Iowa; Aberdeen, South Dakota; Bronx, New York; Pasadena, California; Canton, Ohio; and Detroit/Flint, Michigan. The Committees understand that the Postal Service will be providing updated AMP guidance on communications with the public in March 2008, as well as a Facilities Plan (as required by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act) in June 2008. GAO is directed to evaluate these reports to determine whether the Postal Service has implemented GAO's recommendations to strengthen planning and accountability in realignment efforts. GAO ~~is~~ further directed to report its findings to the Committees on Appropriations. The Postal Service is directed not to implement the above-referenced AMP consolidations until after the GAO has reported to the Committees and the Committees have had an opportunity to review the GAO findings.

The Appropriations Committees are also aware of concerns regarding a possible AMP consolidation relating to Alexandria, Louisiana. The Committees understand that there is currently no consolidation planned for Alexandria, and the Committees would oppose any effort to initiate a consolidation.

The Appropriations Committees are concerned about the condition of postal facilities in a number of municipalities in Puerto Rico, including Dorado, Guaynabo, Rincon, San German, Villalba, Yabucoa, and Yauco. The Postal Service, working with local officials and community leaders, should evaluate the needs of these communities and include these facilities in its nationwide priority list to ensure that capital resources are focused on the maintenance and enhancement of existing infrastructure at these facilities. The Postal Service is directed to report on these efforts to the Committees on Appropriations.

The Appropriations Committees are also concerned about the postal facility needs of the City of Indio, California. The current facility is inadequate to meet the City's needs given its rapid population growth. The Postal Service should work with City officials to evaluate the need for a new facility and report its findings to the Committees on Appropriations.

The Appropriations Committees are concerned about mail service delays in Chicago, Illinois. The Postal Service is directed to continue working with city officials and implement management reforms that will secure and maintain a high level of mail delivery service for postal consumers in Chicago. The Postal Service is also directed to regularly update the Committees on Appropriations on these efforts.

UNITED STATES TAX COURT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$45,326,000 for the United States Tax Court as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$45,069,000 as proposed by the House.

TITLE VI

GENERAL PROVISIONS - THIS ACT

The amended bill includes the following general provisions for this Act that were proposed by both the House and the Senate:

- section 601 regarding absorption of pay raises within levels provided in this or previous appropriations acts;
- section 602 prohibiting pay and other expenses for non-Federal parties in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings funded in this Act;
- section 603 prohibiting obligations beyond the current fiscal year and prohibiting transfers of funds unless expressly so provided herein;
- section 604 limiting consulting service expenditures to contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record, with exceptions;
- section 605 prohibiting funds from being transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States without expressed authority;
- section 606 prohibiting the use of funds to engage in activities that would prohibit the enforcement of section 307 of the 1930 Tariff Act;
- section 607 concerning employment rights of Federal employees who return to their civilian jobs after assignment with the Armed Forces by prohibiting payment under certain circumstances to any employee who fills this position;
- section 608 prohibiting funds from being expended unless the recipient agrees to comply with the Buy American Act;
- section 609 prohibiting funding to a person or entity convicted of violating the Buy American Act;
- section 611 providing that not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances from salaries and expenses may remain available for certain purposes;
- section 612 providing that no funds may be used by the Executive Office of the President to request any official background investigation from the Federal

Bureau of Investigation unless the person has given consent or there are national security circumstances;

- section 613 requiring that cost accounting standards not apply to a contract under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program;
- section 614 permitting the Office of Personnel Management to accept funds regarding the nonforeign area cost of living allowances; and
- section 618 waiving restrictions on the purchase of non-domestic articles, materials, and supplies in the case of acquisition by the Federal Government of information technology.

In addition, the amended bill includes the following general provisions:

Section 610 specifies reprogramming procedures for all departments, agencies, and offices funded under this Act unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this Act. Reprogramming requirements apply to transfers in excess of \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$1,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, as proposed by the House. The amended bill also includes modified language that applies the requirements to a reprogramming of funds that creates or reorganizes offices, programs, or activities. Language is also included requiring that agencies consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to any significant reorganization or restructuring. Agencies are expected to follow the reprogramming procedures even if a reprogramming falls below the \$5,000,000 or 10 percent threshold if such reprogramming would significantly change an agency's funding requirements in future years, or if programs or projects specifically cited in the reports of the House or Senate Committees on Appropriations or in this ~~joint~~ explanatory statement are affected.

Section 615 prohibits the expenditure of funds for abortions under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program as proposed by the House.

Section 616 provides an exemption from section 615 if the life of the mother is in danger or if the pregnancy is a result of an act of rape or incest as proposed by the House.

Section 617 prohibits the use of funds for a proposed rule relating to the determination that real estate brokerage is a financial activity. This prohibition applies to fiscal years 2008 and 2009, instead of to only fiscal year 2008 as proposed by the House or to fiscal year 2008 and thereafter as proposed by the Senate.

Section 619 requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest in full the amounts appropriated and contributed to the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund, as proposed by the House.

Section 620 establishes a prohibition on the acceptance by agencies or commissions funded by this Act, or by their officers or employees, of payment or reimbursement for travel, subsistence, or related expenses from any person or entity (or their representative) that engages in activities regulated by such agencies or commissions. The Appropriations Committees are troubled by recent reports of senior officers and staff of a regulatory agency accepting gift travel. Accepting such payment or reimbursement from regulated entities raises serious questions about the ability of a regulatory agency to carry out its mission in a fair and unbiased manner.

Section 621 prohibits funds from being used by the Federal Communications Commission to implement the Fairness Doctrine, as proposed by the House.

Section 622 requires quarter dollars issued during 2009 to have designs on the reverse side commemorating the District of Columbia and each of the U.S. territories.

Section 623 directs the Treasury Department, as soon as is practicable, to move the inscription "In God We Trust" on the \$1 coin from the edge to the face of the coin.

Section 624 appropriates \$600,000 for the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

The amended bill does not include section 617 of the Senate bill relating to increased penalties under section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

The amended bill does not include section 618 of the Senate bill relating to reporting on activities of the petroleum industry in Sudan.

The amended bill does not include section 619 of the Senate bill relating to a prohibition on funds to enforce a provision of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations regarding agricultural and medical sales to Cuba.

The amended bill does not include section 620 of the Senate bill concerning agricultural and medical-related sales to Cuba.

The amended bill does not include section 621 of the House bill relating to additional amounts for small business development and entrepreneurship initiatives. This provision is now under the heading "Administrative Provisions-Small Business Administration".

TITLE VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS-GOVERNMENT-WIDE

DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND CORPORATIONS

The amended bill includes the following government-wide general provisions that were proposed by both the House and the Senate:

- section 701 allowing, hereafter, payment for travel of families serving overseas to the United States in case of death or life threatening illness;
- section 702 requiring all agencies have a written policy for ensuring a drug free workplace;
- section 703 setting specific limits on the cost of passenger vehicles with exceptions for police, heavy duty, electric hybrid and clean fuels vehicles;
- section 704 making appropriations available for quarters/cost of living allowances;

- section 705 prohibiting the government from employing non-US citizens (with exceptions) whose posts are in the continental United States;
- section 706 ensuring that appropriations made available to any department or agency for space, services and rental charges shall also be available for payment to the GSA;
- section 707 allowing the use of receipts from the sale of materials for acquisition, waste reduction and prevention, environmental management programs and other Federal employee programs as appropriate;
- section 708 permitting that funds for administrative expenses shall also be available for rent in the District of Columbia, services under 5 U.S.C. 3109, and other objects specified in this head;
- section 709 prohibiting, hereafter, funds to pay to hire someone for a position for which they have been rejected by the Senate;
- section 710 prohibiting funds for interagency financing boards (with exception), commissions, ~~councils~~, committees or similar groups without prior approval to receive multi-agency funding;
- section 711 precluding funds for regulations which have been disapproved by joint resolution;
- section 712 setting ceilings on pay rates for certain Federal employees for fiscal year 2008;
- section 713 limiting the amount of funds that can be used for redecoration of offices under certain circumstances to \$5,000, unless approved by the Committees on Appropriations;
- section 714 allowing for interagency funding of national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications initiatives;
- section 715 requiring agencies to certify that a Schedule C appointment was not created solely or primarily to detail the employee to the White House;
- section 716 requiring, hereafter, agencies to administer a policy designed to ensure that all workplaces are free from discrimination and sexual harassment;

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- section 717 prohibiting the payment of any employee who prohibits, threatens, prevents or otherwise penalizes another employee from communicating with Congress;
- section 718 prohibiting Federal training not directly related to the performance of official duties;
- section 719 preventing funds from being used to implement or enforce non-disclosure agreement policies unless certain provisions are included;
- section 720 prohibiting propaganda, publicity and lobbying by executive agency personnel in support or defeat of legislative initiatives;
- section 721 prohibiting any Federal agency from disclosing an employee's home address to any labor organization, absent employee authorization or court order;
- section 722 prohibiting funds to be used to provide non-public information such as mailing or telephone lists to any person or organization outside the government without the approval of the Committees on Appropriations;
- section 723 prohibiting the use of funds for propaganda and publicity purposes not authorized by Congress;
- section 724 directing agency employees to use official time in an honest effort to perform official duties;
- section 725 authorizing the use of funds to finance an appropriate share of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board administrative costs;
- section 726 authorizing the transfer of funds to GSA to finance various government-wide boards and commissions;
- section 727 permitting breastfeeding in a Federal building or on Federal property if the woman and child are authorized to be there;
- section 728 permitting interagency funding of the National Science and Technology Council and requiring OMB to provide a report on the budget and resources of the National Science and Technology Council;
- section 729 requiring that the Federal forms that are used in distributing Federal funds must indicate the agency providing the funds, the domestic catalogue information, and the amount provided;

- section 731 prohibiting the use of funds to monitor personal information relating to the use of Federal Internet sites to collect, review, or create any aggregate list that includes personally identifiable information relating to access to or use of any Federal Internet site of such agency;
- section 732 requiring health plans participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program to provide contraceptive coverage and ~~provides~~ *(providing)* exemptions to certain religious plans;
- section 733 providing recognition of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency as the official anti-doping agency for Olympic, Pan American and Paralympic sport in the United States;
- section 734 allowing funds for official travel to be used by departments and agencies, if consistent with OMB and Budget Circular A-126, to participate in the fractional aircraft ownership pilot program;
- section 735 prohibiting funds for implementation of OPM regulations limiting detailees to the Legislative Branch, and implementing limitations on the Coast Guard Congressional Fellowship Program;
- section 736 restricting the use of funds for Federal law enforcement training facilities with an exception for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center;
- section 739 precluding the use of funds to convert to contractors, if more than 10 federal employees perform the activity, unless the analysis reveals that savings would exceed 10 percent of the most efficient organization personnel cost or \$10,000,000, whichever is less;
- section 740 providing that the adjustment in rates of basic pay for employees under statutory pay systems taking effect in fiscal year 2008 shall be an increase of 3.5 percent;
- section 741 prohibiting executive branch agencies from creating prepackaged news stories that are broadcast or distributed in the United States unless the story includes a clear notification within the text or audio of that news story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or funded by that executive branch agency;

- section 743 requiring agencies to evaluate the creditworthiness of an individual before issuing a government travel charge card and prohibiting agencies from issuing a government travel charge card to individuals who have an unsatisfactory credit history; and
- section 749 concerning references to “this Act”.

In addition, the amended bill includes the following general provisions:

Section 730 modifies language proposed by the House and the Senate concerning agency franchise funds. The authorization for franchise funds is extended by modifying subsection (f) of section 403 of Public Law 103-356. The modified subsection would terminate franchise fund authority for only the Department of Homeland Security on October 1, 2008.

Section 737 modifies a provision proposed by the House and the Senate regarding budget information required for E-Government initiatives. The amended bill requires agencies to provide information on E-Government initiatives, including Lines of Business, in their fiscal year 2009 budget justifications so that the Committees on Appropriations can either approve or disapprove funding for those initiatives at the time appropriations bills are being prepared. The Appropriations Committees are concerned over the use of the “pass the hat” method of financing E-Government initiatives and how such financing may divert scarce resources from agencies’ primary missions. Approval of the Committees on Appropriations for transfers relating to E-Government initiatives is essential.

Section 738 provides authority to transfer funds between agencies to ensure the uninterrupted, continuous operation of the Midway Atoll Airfield, as proposed by the Senate.

Section 742 prohibits funds in this Act from being used in contravention of the Privacy Act as proposed by the House and the Senate. In addition, this section amends division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 with respect to agency Inspector General reviews of privacy and data protection policies and procedures.

Section 744 requires the Office of Management and Budget to submit a crosscut budget report on Great Lakes restoration activities not later than 30 days after the submission of the budget of the President to Congress, as proposed by the House.

Section 745 prohibits funds in this or any Act to be used for Federal contracts with expatriated entities, as proposed by the Senate. The House included similar language as section 620.

Section 746 requires each agency to establish, on the homepage of its website, a link to the website of its Inspector General, and requires each Office of Inspector General to post public reports and audits within one day of release, allows an individual to request automatic receipt of information relating to any public report or audit, and establishes and maintains a link for individuals to anonymously report waste, fraud and abuse, as proposed by the Senate.

Section 747 prohibits the expenditure of funds on public-private competitions under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76, or direct conversions, related to the Human Resources Lines of Business initiative until 60 days after OMB submits a report to the Committees on Appropriations addressing several specified issues of concern. The section also would require that OMB submit a copy of its report to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) when it is submitted to the Committees. GAO is required to brief the Committees on its views of the OMB report within 45 days of receiving it. OMB shall provide GAO with full and timely access to the documents, analyses, and personnel the GAO determines it needs to conduct a thorough review of the OMB report and provide the Committees with its views.

Section 748 requires the Office of Management and Budget to establish a pilot program to develop and implement an inventory to track the cost and size of service contracts in at least three cabinet-level departments. The program will give particular attention to contracts that have been performed poorly by a contractor because of

excessive costs or inferior quality. In conducting the pilot program, the Office of Management and Budget is expected to use the methodology developed by the Department of the Army, pursuant to the Secretary of the Army's January 7, 2005 Memorandum on Accounting for Contract Services. Within 60 days of enactment, the Office of Management and Budget shall provide the Committees on Appropriations with a cost estimate for developing and implementing the pilot program.

TITLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS – DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The amended bill includes the following general provisions for the District of Columbia that were proposed by both the House and the Senate:

- section 801 specifying that appropriations are made for particular purposes and shall be considered the maximum for those purposes;
- section 802 authorizing that appropriations are available for travel and dues of organizations;
- section 803 allowing for the use of local funds for making refunds or paying judgments against the District of Columbia government;
- section 805 establishing reprogramming and transfer requirements;
- section 806 providing that appropriations under ~~the~~ Act shall be applied to objects for which the appropriation was made; (this)
- section 808 requiring reporting on the District of Columbia's fiscal year 2008 revenue estimates by the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 2008 for use in the fiscal year 2009 request;
- section 810 prohibiting the use of Federal funds to implement the District of Columbia's Health Care Benefits Act of 1992;

- section 811 allowing the Mayor to accept, obligate and expend Federal, private and other grants received by the District of Columbia not reflected in the amounts appropriated in this Act;
- section 813 prohibiting the use of Federal funds for a petition or civil action which seeks to require voting rights for the District of Columbia in Congress;
- section 814 prohibiting Federal funds to be used for needle distribution, allowing the District of Columbia to utilize local funds for this purpose;
- section 815 requiring the chief financial officers of the District of Columbia agencies to certify that they understand the duties and restrictions applicable as a result of this Act;
- section 816 concerning a "conscience clause" on legislation that pertains to contraceptive coverage by health insurance plans;
- section 818 requiring the District of Columbia to submit and updated budget no later than 30 days after enactment of this Act;
- section 819 prohibiting funds in ~~the act~~ to be used to pay the fees in excess of \$4,000 of an attorney in a suit brought against the District of Columbia under the Individuals with Disabilities Act; this Act
- section 821 allowing for the increase in spending of "Other-Type Funds" under certain conditions;
- section 822 allowing the Chief Financial Officer to conduct short term borrowing;
- section 823 prohibiting the use of funds in ~~the~~ Act to enact or carry out any law that legalizes or reduces the penalty for the use of controlled substances; this
- section 824 prohibiting the use of funds in ~~the~~ Act for abortion services; this
- section 825 allowing for a separate appropriation for the Public Defenders Service in the District of Columbia; and
- section 829 specifying that references to this Act in this title ~~of~~ title IV, are treated as referring only to the provisions of this title and title IV. and

In addition, the amended bill includes the following general provisions:

Section 804 prohibits Federal funds from being used for propaganda designed to support or defeat legislation before the Congress as proposed by the Senate, but allows the District of Columbia to use local funds to lobby on any matter.

Section 807 clarifies the application of the District Government Reemployment Annuitant Offset Elimination Act of 2004 to certain employees.

Section 809 prohibits use of Federal funds for the salaries and expenses of a Shadow Senator or U.S. Representative as proposed by the Senate.

Section 812 establishes the parameters for which certain District of Columbia employees may use a vehicle meant for official duties to travel to and from work, and adds the Department of Corrections as proposed by the Senate.

Section 817 requires an annual report on crime, access to substance abuse treatment, management of parolees, education, rat abatement and indicators of child wellbeing as proposed by the Senate.

Section 820 allows the appropriation to be increased by no more than \$100,000,000 from unexpended general funds for certain purposes, instead of \$42,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$50,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Section 826 authorizes the transfer of local operating funds to capital and enterprise funds as proposed by the Senate.

Section 827 modified from the Senate bill, provides for the collection and use of funds under the Student Funding Formula Assessment, Educational Data Warehouse, and Enrollment Fund Establishment Amendment Act of 2007.

The amended bill does not include section 828 of the Senate bill which would authorize the District of Columbia to provide a pay increase for the position of the chief financial officer.

The amended bill does not include section 829 of the Senate bill which would have changed the current law on the transfer of unobligated balances in the Crime Victims Compensation Fund from the District of Columbia Courts to the District's Office of Victim Services. However, the District of Columbia Courts are urged to collaborate with the Office of Victim Services to develop guidelines for consistent and reasonable hourly rates for counselors and other service providers and to address cost-effective and appropriate ways to meet the shelter and transitional housing needs of persons served. The District of Columbia Courts and the Office of Victim Services are directed to inform the Committees on Appropriations on the status of the collaborative efforts within 120 days of enactment.

The amended bill does not include House section 901 prohibiting funds from being used to implement Executive Order No. 13422.

The amended bill does not include House section 902 prohibiting funds for the purchase of light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the "ENERGY STAR" or "Federal Energy Management Program" designation.

The amended bill does not include section 903 of the House bill concerning agricultural and medical-related sales to Cuba.

The amended bill does not include House section 904 prohibiting funds in this Act from being used by the Selective Service System to prepare for, plan, or execute the Area Office Mobilization Prototype Exercise. The amended bill does not provide funding for this exercise.

The amended bill does not include House section 905 prohibiting funds for the Securities and Exchange Commission to be used to enforce the requirements of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act with respect to non-accelerated filers under section 210.2-

02T of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations. This matter is further addressed in this explanatory statement under the Securities and Exchange Commission heading.

The amended bill does not include House section 906 prohibiting funds for the Small Business Administration to be used for the Mitchell County Development Foundation, Inc. This project has been removed from the list of small business development and entrepreneurship initiatives receiving funding, so the provision is not necessary.

Section 907 of the House bill, prohibiting funds to implement section 5112(n)(2)(C) of title 31, United States Code, is addressed with modified language in title VI of this Act.

Section 908 of the House bill, concerning the Fairness Doctrine, is addressed in title VI of this Act.

Section 909 of the House bill, prohibiting Federal funds from being used to implement or enforce the District of Columbia's Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992, is addressed in title VIII of this Act.

Disclosure of Earmarks and Congressionally Directed Spending Items

Following is a list of earmarks and congressionally directed spending items (as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, respectively) included in the House amendment or this explanatory statement, along with the name of each Senator, House Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who submitted a request to the committee of jurisdiction for each item so identified. Items which did not appear in the House or Senate versions of H.R. 2829 or the accompanying committee reports are marked with an asterisk. Neither the House amendment nor the explanatory statement contains any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in the applicable House and Senate rules.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Account	Project Name	Amount	Members submitting request	
			House	Senate
SBA	Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission, Minority and Small Business Development and Procurement Opportunities	282,000	Jackson	
SBA	Adelante Development Center, Albuquerque, NM	500,000	Wilson (NM), Pearce	Domenici
SBA	Advantage West Economic Development Group, Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program	282,000	Shuler	
SBA	Alabama A&M Research Institute for Small Business Training and Development	200,000	Cramer	Shelby
SBA	Alabama Entrepreneurial Research Network, Small Business Incubator, Tuscaloosa, AL	250,000		Shelby
SBA	Alabama Small Business Institute of Commerce, Small Business Incubator, Rainbow City, AL	200,000		Shelby
SBA	Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation to develop business assistance software tools	282,000	Boucher	
SBA	Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation's Entrepreneurial Institute, Altoona, PA	300,000	Shuster	Specter
SBA	Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University	900,000	Pearce	Domenici
SBA	Ashland County, OH, Career Center for the Northeast Central Ohio Bioscience Consortium	500,000	Regula	
SBA	Barry University for the Institute for Community and Economic Development	175,000	Mahoney, Wasserman Schultz	Martinez, Nelson (FL)
SBA	Ben Franklin Technology Partners	250,000	Dent	
SBA	Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center Workforce Development Initiative	182,000	Capuano	
SBA	Bridgeport Regional Business Council for One Coast, One Future	250,000	Shays	
SBA	Bronx Council on the Arts for marketing of local business arts initiatives	169,000	Serrano	
SBA	Brooklyn College, Entrepreneurial Center	282,000	Towns	Schumer, Clinton

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FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT—Continued

Account	Project Name	Amount	Members submitting request	
			House	Senate
SBA	Buffalo Niagara International Trade Foundation, World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara, Buffalo, NY	282,000	Higgins, Reynolds	Schumer, Clinton
SBA	Business incubator, Illinois State University	250,000	Weller	Durbin
SBA	California State University, Pasadena Biotech Training Facility	282,000	Schiff	
SBA	Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Caribbean American Trade Center/Business Incubator renovation	282,000	Clarke	
SBA	Cedarbridge small business incubator, Lakewood, NJ	467,882	Smith (NJ)	Menendez
SBA	Center for Economic Growth, Business Acceleration Program, Greene County, NY	282,000	Gillibrand	Schumer, Clinton
SBA	Center for Entrepreneurial Growth, Hamilton County, TN	200,000		Alexander
SBA	Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology, Reno, NV	200,000		Reid
SBA	Center for Rural Affairs for small business training and technical assistance website, Lyons, NE	250,000		Nelson (NE)
SBA	Center for Women and Enterprise, RI, CWE Technology Learning Center	100,000	Kennedy	
SBA	City of Buffalo, NY for small business assistance	500,000	Slaughter, Higgins	Clinton, Schumer
SBA	City of Charlotte, NC, Belvedere Business Park Project	282,000	Watt	Burr, Dole
SBA	City of Chicago, IL, Small business assistance program for ex-offenders	282,000	Davis (IL)	
SBA	City of Inglewood, CA, Grow Inglewood	500,000	Waters	Feinstein
SBA	City of Los Angeles, Adams-La Brea Retail Project	282,000	Watson	
SBA	Colorado State University, Sustainable Biofuels Development Center	400,000	DeGette, Musgrave, Perlmutter, Udall (CO)	Salazar

SBA	Columbus College of Art and Design for an industrial design center	300,000	Pryce	
SBA	Community Child Care Facility for the facilitation of daycare needs of small businesses in the area, Manhattan, KS	500,000		Roberts
SBA	Community College of Philadelphia, Northeast Regional Center for Small Business Education, Growth, & Training	282,000	Murphy, P. (PA), Schwartz	
SBA	Connected Technologies Corridor, Athens, WV	150,000	Rahall	
SBA	Cuyahoga Community College, Veterans Outreach and Business Development Center	282,000	Tubbs Jones	
SBA	Dartmouth Regional Technology Center	282,000	Hodes	
SBA	Delaware County Community College Small Business Center, Media, PA	282,000	Sestak, Gerlach	
SBA	Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, Business Attraction program	282,000	Kilpatrick	Levin, Stabenow
SBA	Detroit Renaissance for a business district	282,000	Conyers	Levin, Stabenow
SBA	DuPage Technology Park to establish a minority business incubator	250,000	Hastert	
SBA	Economic Development Coalition of Southeast Michigan for business accelerator, Wayne County, MI	500,000	Conyers	Levin, Stabenow
SBA	Economic Development Coalition of Southeast Michigan, Ann Arbor SPARK Business Accelerator	282,000	Dingell	
SBA	Education Initiative, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL	750,000		Obama
SBA	Entrepreneurial Development Center Business Accelerator, Cedar Rapids, IA	650,000	Loeb sack	Harkin, Grassley
SBA	Equipment for Pharmaceutical Small Business Development at the University of Kansas	700,000		Brownback
SBA	Expansion of the Incubator at the Purdue Technology Center of Northwest Indiana	282,000	Visclosky	
SBA	Experience Works, Inc in Richmond Hill, GA	500,000	Kingston	
SBA	Experience Works, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Arlington, VA	282,000	Skelton	
SBA	Fairplex Trade and Conference Center, Pomona, CA	250,000	Dreier, Napolitano	
SBA	Federal HUBZone Incubator in Elizabeth City, NC	282,000	Butterfield	

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Account	Project Name	Amount	Members submitting request	
			House	Senate
SBA	Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities for training to address workforce shortage in nursing and allied health, Springfield, IL	250,000	Davis (IL)	Obama
SBA	First State Innovation, Inc. for business development organization focused on high tech businesses, Wilmington, DE.	500,000	Castle	Biden, Carper
SBA	Florida Business Continuity and Risk Management Center, Pensacola, FL	500,000		Nelson (FL)
SBA	Franklin Hospital archiving and communications system, Benton, IL	400,000		Durbin
SBA	Friends of the Big South Fork for community and economic development	282,000	Davis (TN)	
SBA	GAMBIT/FAST Manufacturing & Business Technology Center, Salt Lake City, UT	500,000		Bennett
SBA	Grambling State University Expanding Minority Entrepreneurship Regionally Across the Louisiana Delta [EMERALD] Program (Lincoln Parish)	250,000		Landrieu
SBA	Great Plains Energy Corridor Coordinating Office, Bismarck, ND	250,000	Pomeroy	Dorgan, Conrad
SBA	Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce	282,000	Rangel	
SBA	Greater North Louisiana Community Development Corporation	650,000	Alexander	
SBA	Greyston Foundation, Workforce Development Initiative, Yonkers, NY	282,000	Lowey	
SBA	Haddad Riverfront Park renovations, Charleston, WV	2,400,000		Byrd
SBA	Hispanic business and demographic information initiative, University of Nevada, Reno.	400,000		Reid
SBA	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis to open and equip a business technology research center	500,000		Bond

SBA	Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network telecommunication pilot initiative for small business development	282,000	Velázquez	
SBA	Historic Downtown Retail Project, Valley Economic Development Center	282,000	Roybal-Allard	
SBA	Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology facility	282,000	Cramer	
SBA	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for statewide broadband infrastructure and connectivity, Springfield, IL	2,000,000		Durbin
SBA	Illinois Institute of Technology, Innovating Manufacturing Education	282,000	Bean	
SBA	Indiana State University, Center for New Business Development, Terre Haute, IN	500,000	Ellsworth	Bayh
SBA	Industrial Outreach Center at Mississippi State University	450,000		Cochran
SBA	Innovation Center at the University of Mississippi for a business incubator	500,000		Cochran
SBA	Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción's Employment Services Initiative	100,000	Capuano	
SBA	Institute for Advanced Learning and Research for a business development initiative	250,000	Goode	
SBA	Jackson State University for continuation of the Lynch Street Corridor Redevelopment	500,000		Cochran
SBA	John C. Calhoun Community College for robotics training equipment	175,000	Aderholt, Cramer	
SBA	Johnson and Wales University, Latino Business Outreach Program	182,000	Kennedy	
SBA	Johnstown Area Regional Industries Incubator and Workforce Development program	282,000	Murtha	
SBA	Kulanu, Vocational Education Program for employment skills development	282,000	McCarthy (NY)	
SBA	LaGuardia Community College, Emerging Designers Unit	282,000	Maloney	Schumer, Clinton
SBA	Lewis and Clark State College for business training tools	153,000	Sali	
SBA	Lorain County Community College, Entrepreneurship Innovation Center	282,000	Kaptur, Sutton	
SBA	Louisville Medical Center Development Corporation, LMCDC/MetaCyté Business Labs and Incubator	282,000	Yarmuth	

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Account	Project Name	Amount	Members submitting request	
			House	Senate
SBA	Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development, Macomb County Business Accelerator	282,000	Levin	
SBA	Maritime Business Training Center for Construction of a Training Facility, Covington, LA	150,000		Vitter
SBA	Marshalltown Community College for a rural entrepreneurship incubator	250,000	Latham	
SBA	Medina County, OH, Office of Workforce Development	394,000	Regula	
SBA	Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation	175,000	Peterson (PA)	
SBA	Mississippi State University for the Convergence of Scientists and Entrepreneurs to Expedite Commercialization	600,000	Wicker	
SBA	Mississippi Technology Alliance Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Alliances	1,000,000		Cochran
SBA	Mitchell College of Business, Business Library and Career Resource Center	250,000		Shelby
SBA	Montana State University's manufacturing extension center	200,000	Rehberg	
SBA	Montana World Trade Center	583,000	Rehberg	
SBA	Montgomery College, Germantown Biotechnology Project	282,000	Van Hollen, Wynn	
SBA	Nanotechnology Applied Science Laboratory, North Dakota State College of Science	351,000	Pomeroy	Dorgan, Conrad
SBA	National Association of Development Organizations	100,000	Walsh	
SBA	National Federation of the Blind, Access to Libraries and Learning: Creating Technology for the Blind to promote entrepreneurship	282,000	Sarbanes, Jefferson, Ruppertsberger, Cummings, Alexander	
SBA	New College Institute to support economic development and small business development	100,000	Goode	
SBA	New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners for women's business growth initiative, Hamilton, NJ	150,000		Lautenberg

SBA	Newport County Chamber of Commerce for marine trades training expansion, Newport, RI	500,000		Reed, Whitehouse
SBA	North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center Rural Ventures Fund	282,000	Price (NC), McIntyre, Shuler	Burr, Dole
SBA	North Iowa Area Community College for a regional economic development organization	100,000	Latham	Grassley
SBA	North Side Industrial Development Co., New Business-New Beginning Program	150,000	Doyle	
SBA	Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Northland Entrepreneur Development System for technical assistance, Virginia, MN	282,000	Oberstar	
SBA	Northeast Louisiana Business and Community Development Center, University of Louisiana at Monroe	450,000	Alexander	Landrieu
SBA	Northern Manhattan Coalition for Economic Development for business outreach center, New York, NY	275,000		Schumer, Clinton
SBA	Northwest Agriculture Business Center, Burlington, WA	400,000	Larsen	Murray
SBA	Northwest Enterprise Center Network for business incubators, Spooner, WI	750,000		Kohl
SBA	Northwestern University, Molecular Therapeutics and Diagnostics Building	282,000	Schakowsky	
SBA	Ohio University, Economic Development through Entrepreneurship in Appalachia	282,000	Space, Wilson (OH)	
SBA	Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry and Tourism	175,000	Peterson (PA)	
SBA	Operation New Hope in FL	350,000	Crenshaw	
SBA	Pellissippi Research Centre on the Oak Ridge Corridor R&D Community, Alcoa, TN	200,000	Duncan	Alexander
SBA	Peoria NEXT Innovation Center	250,000	LaHood	
SBA	Phoenix House, Drug-free workplace initiatives	282,000	Weiner	
SBA	Pontotoc/Union/Lee County Alliance for industrial park development and small business assistance	1,500,000		Cochran
SBA	Portland State University Science Research and Teaching Center	500,000	Wu, Walden	Wyden
SBA	Ready to Work project in Ohio	400,000	Regula	
SBA	Rio Hondo College, Automotive Technician Training Demonstration Project	282,000	Solis	

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Account	Project Name	Amount	Members submitting request	
			House	Senate
SBA	Rochester Tooling and Machining Association for workforce development programs	125,000	Reynolds	
SBA	Rock Valley College for a manufacturing career development and training program	125,000	Manzullo	
SBA	Rockford Area Ventures Small Business Incubator and Technology Commercialization Center	125,000	Manzullo	
SBA	Rockland Small Business Development Center, Small Business Employment Assistance	282,000	Engel	
SBA	Rowan University South Jersey Technology Park, Glassboro, NJ	350,000	Andrews	Lautenberg
SBA	Safer Foundation for transitional employment placement, Chicago, IL	300,000	Davis (IL)	Durbin
SBA	San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, SPUR Urban Center	282,000	Pelosi	
SBA	Seattle-King County Workforce Development Council for Puget Sound regional economic development initiative	360,767		Murray
SBA	Seedco Financial Services Alabama Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Investment Initiative for technical assistance and training	282,000	Davis (AL)	
SBA	SEKTDa for economic and small business development in Southern and Eastern Kentucky	600,000	Rogers (KY)	
SBA	Sephardic Angel Fund Financial Literacy & Business Youth Education Project, Brooklyn, NY	282,000	Nadler, Weiner	
SBA	SER-Jobs for Progress National, Dual-language Financial Literacy Technology Training	282,000	Reyes	
SBA	Shawnee State University for an Immersive Technology and Arts Center	250,000	Schmidt	
SBA	Shoals Entrepreneurial Career Network Renovation, Small Business Incubator, Florence, AL	200,000		Shelby
SBA	Sierra College for a mechatronics workforce training initiative	300,000	Doolittle	
SBA	Small business development center at Highline Community College, Des Moines, WA	454,000		Cantwell

SBA	Small business trade assistance office, Prince George's County, MD	400,000		Cardin
SBA	Soundview Community in Action technology and business development services	282,000	Crowley	
SBA	South Dakota School of Mines, Black Hills Nanoscale Minerals Institute, infrastructure development	282,000	Herseth Sandlin	
SBA	South Side Innovation Center	100,000	Walsh	
SBA	South Topeka Boulevard Business Corridor for infrastructure upgrades, Topeka, KS	1,000,000		Brownback
SBA	Southeastern Louisiana University Hispanic Business and Leadership Institute, Hammond, LA	100,000		Vitter
SBA	Spanish American Merchants Association, Statewide Technical Assistance & Resource Program, Hartford, CT	282,000	Larson	
SBA	St. Jerome's Church Community Center project for job skills training, Bronx, NY	150,000	Serrano	
SBA	Student Business Incubator at the University of Northern Iowa	500,000	Braley	Grassley, Harkin
SBA	Technical Education and Training Center, Sedgwick County, KS	1,000,000		Brownback
SBA	Technology Entrepreneurship Development at the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, Topeka, KS	428,351		Brownback
SBA	TechRanch Technology Venture Center, Bozeman, MT	500,000	Rehberg	Baucus, Tester
SBA	The Enterprise Center in TN	600,000	Wamp	
SBA	The Illinois Institute of Technology, technology incubator	282,000	Rush	
SBA	The N2TEC Institute for a rural technology-based economic development program, Rapid City, SD	500,000		Johnson
SBA	The University of Texas at San Antonio, UTSA Mexico Center, business development research	282,000	Gonzalez	
SBA	Thomas More College for training programs in the fields of health sciences and healthcare management	250,000	Davis (KY)	
SBA	Thurgood Marshall College Fund for the Minority Community Small Business & Economic Development Initiative	282,000	Cummings	
SBA	Tribal Governance and Economic Development Center, Mashpee, MA	500,000		Kennedy, Kerry
SBA	Uhlich Children's Advantage Network for job training, placement and retention services, Chicago, IL	250,000		Durbin

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Account	Project Name	Amount	Members submitting request	
			House	Senate
SBA	University of Arkansas Research and Technology Park	500,000	Boozman	Lincoln, Pryor
SBA	University of Connecticut, Avery Point for the Avery Point Technology Incubation Center	282,000	DeLauro, Courtney	
SBA	University of Kentucky/New Product Development and Commercialization Center for Rural Manufacturers	900,000		McConnell
SBA	University of Maryland-Baltimore BioPark	282,000	Ruppersberger, Cummings, Sarbanes	Cardin
SBA	University of Missouri for an Asian Equities Research Center, Kansas City, MO	700,000		Bond
SBA	University of Missouri, Kansas City, KCSOURCE Link, Vet Link for small business development for veterans	282,000	Cleaver, Moore (KS)	
SBA	University of Notre Dame, Robinson Enterprises Community Learning Center	282,000	Donnelly	Bayh, Lugar
SBA	University of Pittsburgh at Bradford for an entrepreneurship center	43,000	Kuhl	
SBA	University of South Florida to establish a Center for the Development of Information Technology	600,000	Young (FL), Putnam	
SBA	University of Southern Maine, Lewiston-Auburn College, The Learning Works project	282,000	Michaud	
SBA	University of Southern Mississippi National Center for Excellence in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship	300,000		Lott
SBA	University of Texas Brownsville International Trade Center	282,000	Ortiz	
SBA	Urban League of Rochester, Minority and Women Business Development Programs	100,000	Slaughter	
SBA	USS Saratoga Museum Foundation, workforce development program	282,000	Langevin	
SBA	Valley Economic Development Center, Technical Assistance Office	282,000	Sherman	
SBA	Valley Economic Development Center, Valley Initiative for Business Expansion	282,000	Berman	

SBA	Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies for a small business incubator, Burlington, VT	750,000		Leahy
SBA	Vermont Small Business Development Center for veterans' business program, Randolph Center, VT	300,000	Welch	Sanders
SBA	Virginia Center for Innovative Technology energy independence program, Herndon, VA	225,000		Webb, Warner
SBA	Virginia Small Business Workforce Web Portal Project, Richmond, VA	500,000		Warner, Webb
SBA	Wallace State Community College for an integrated manufacturing center	175,000	Aderholt	
SBA	Wayne County, MI, Department of Public Services to develop technologies to support small business	250,000	McCotter	
SBA	Wayne County, NY, for a business development initiative	300,000	Walsh	
SBA	West Virginia University Research Corporation for renovations of a small business incubator	282,000	Mollohan	
SBA	Western MA Enterprise Fund, technical assistance for developing enterprises	282,000	Olver	
SBA	Wheeling Park Commission for a conference center at National Training Center for Public Facility Managers, Wheeling, WV	1,000,000		Byrd
SBA	Williamsburg County, South Carolina, commodity development small business initiative	282,000	Clyburn	
SBA	Wittenberg University to expand business education	600,000	Hobson	
SBA	Women's Business Development Center, Stamford, CT	300,000		Lieberman
SBA	Women's Business Resource Center, New Orleans, LA	45,000		Landrieu
SBA	Workforce Initiative Association in Canton, OH	494,000	Regula	
SBA	Youngstown Edison Incubator Corporation and the Youngstown Central Area Community Improvement Corp, Youngstown Business Incubator	282,000	Ryan (OH)	
SBA	Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber, Salute to Success, Business Entrepreneurship Incubator	282,000	Wilson (OH), Ryan (OH)	
DC	ARISE Foundation, Life-Management Skills Intervention/Re-entry Program for High Risk Youth	282,000	Wasserman Schultz	
DC	Barracks Row	500,000	Lewis (CA)	

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Account	Project Name	Amount	Members submitting request	
			House	Senate
DC	Bright Beginnings, Inc.	100,000	Walsh	Landrieu
DC	Catalyst, Eastgate HOPE VI project	132,000	Fattah	
DC	Center for Inspired Teaching	52,500	Holmes Norton	
DC	Earth Conservation Corps	282,000	Moran (VA)	
DC *	East Capitol Center for Change, the Capital Area Asset Building Corporation, and the National Center for Fatherhood to administer Marriage Development Accounts in the District of Columbia	1,800,000		Brownback
DC	Eastern Market	131,000	Holmes Norton	Bingaman
DC	Everybody Wins!	100,000	LaHood	
DC	Excel Institute, Automotive Workforce Development Training Program	300,000	Hoyer, Knollenberg	
DC	Historic Congressional Cemetery	625,000	Lewis (CA)	
DC	Howard University College of Dentistry, Community Based Dental Education	52,500	Holmes Norton	
DC	International Youth Service and Development Corps	600,000	Tiahrt	
DC	MenzFit, Career Development and Interview Preparation Program	23,500	Holmes Norton	
DC	Sitar Arts Center, Arts for Teens Initiative	22,500	Holmes Norton	
DC	Southeastern University	300,000	Knollenberg, Hoyer	
DC	STEEED Youth Program	150,000	Fattah	
Treasury	Center for Resilient Financial Services e-Cavern Partnership	1,000,000	Yarmuth	McConnell

Title VI *	Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation	600,000		Cochran
GSA	Arizona: San Luis, Land Port of Entry I	7,053,000	The President	The President
GSA	California: San Ysidro, Land Port of Entry	199,179,000	The President	The President, Feinstein
GSA	Illinois: Rockford, United States Courthouse	58,792,000	The Judiciary, Manzullo	The Judiciary, Durbin
GSA	Maine: Madawaska, Land Port of Entry	17,160,000	The President	The President
GSA	Maryland: Montgomery County, Food and Drug Administration Consolidation	57,749,000	The President, Hoyer, Wynn	The President, Cardin, Milulski
GSA	Minnesota: Warroad, Land Port of Entry	43,628,000	The President	The President
GSA	Missouri: Jefferson City, United States Courthouse	66,000,000	The Judiciary, Skelton	The Judiciary, Bond
GSA	New York: Alexandria Bay, Land Port of Entry	11,676,000	The President	The President
GSA	Texas: El Paso, Tornillo-Guadalupe Land Port of Entry	4,290,000	The President, Reyes, Rodriguez	The President
GSA *	Texas: Donna/Rio Bravo International Bridge, Land Port of Entry	23,384,000	Hinojosa	
GSA	Vermont: Derby Line, Land Port of Entry	33,139,000	The President	The President, Leahy
GSA	District of Columbia: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Phase III	121,204,000	The President	The President
GSA	District of Columbia: Joint Operations Center	12,800,000	The President	The President
GSA	District of Columbia: Nebraska Avenue Complex	27,673,000	The President	The President
GSA	Nevada: Reno, C. Clifton Young Federal Building and Courthouse	12,793,000	The President	The President
GSA	New York: New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse	170,544,000	The President	The President
GSA	West Virginia: Martinsburg, Internal Revenue Service Enterprise Computing Center	35,822,000	The President	The President
NARA	FDR Presidential Library	750,000	Gillibrand	Clinton, Schumer, Reid

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Account	Project Name	Amount	Members submitting request	
			House	Senate
NARA	JFK Presidential Library	8,000,000		Kerry
NARA	LBJ Presidential Library	3,760,000		Hutchison
NARA	Nixon Presidential Library	7,432,000	Miller, Gary (CA)	Cochran
ONDCP	National Alliance of Model State Drug Laws	1,250,000	Rogers (KY), Larsen	
ONDCP	National Drug Court Institute	1,000,000		Durbin

The following items represent technical corrections to earmarks enacted in a previous appropriations Act (Public Law 109-108). No additional funds are provided for these earmarks.

Account	Project Name	Amount	Member submitting request	
			House	Senate
SBA	Nevada Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (CET)	N/A		Reid
SBA*	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	N/A	Wamp	

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2764
DIVISION D - FINANCIAL SERVICES AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2008
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	House	Senate	Amended Bill	Amended Bill vs. Enacted
TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY						
Departmental Offices						
Salaries and expenses.....	216,348	250,141	250,591	251,641	248,360	+32,012
Executive direction.....	(10,753)	(19,815)	(10,115)	(11,136)	(10,840)	(+87)
General Counsel.....	(8,713)	---	(9,700)	(10,179)	(9,909)	(+1,196)
Economic policies and programs.....	(36,154)	(45,450)	(45,450)	(45,450)	(44,242)	(+8,088)
Financial policies and programs.....	(24,632)	(28,869)	(29,069)	(28,869)	(29,464)	(+4,832)
Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.....	(43,457)	(56,225)	(56,475)	(56,225)	(56,775)	(+13,318)
Treasury-wide management.....	(17,837)	(20,810)	(19,010)	(20,810)	(18,505)	(+668)
Administration.....	(74,802)	(78,972)	(80,772)	(78,972)	(78,625)	(+3,823)
non-print admin subtotal.....	216,348	250,141	250,591	251,641	248,360	+32,012
Department-wide systems and capital investments						
programs.....	30,268	18,710	18,710	18,710	18,710	-11,558
Office of Inspector General.....	16,957	18,450	18,450	18,450	18,450	+1,493
Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.....	132,861	140,533	140,533	140,533	140,533	+7,672
Air transportation stabilization program account.....	---	-3,600	-3,600	-3,600	-3,600	-3,600
Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.....	73,216	85,844	83,344	85,844	85,844	+12,628
Subtotal, Departmental Offices.....	469,650	510,078	508,028	511,578	508,297	+38,647
Financial Management Service.....	235,381	235,191	234,423	235,191	234,423	-958
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:						
Salaries and expenses.....	90,618	93,515	93,515	97,015	93,515	+2,897
Bureau of the Public Debt.....	177,623	172,871	172,871	172,871	172,871	-4,752
Community development financial institutions fund						
program account.....	54,506	28,557	100,000	90,000	94,000	+39,494
Payment of government losses in shipment.....	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	+500
Total, Dept. of Treasury, non-IRS.....	1,028,278	1,041,212	1,109,837	1,107,655	1,104,106	+75,828
Internal Revenue Service						
Taxpayer services.....	2,138,238	2,103,089	2,155,000	2,149,200	2,150,000	+11,762
Enforcement.....	4,686,478	4,925,498	4,925,498	4,925,498	4,780,000	+93,522
Operations support.....	3,544,835	3,769,587	3,769,587	3,769,587	3,680,059	+135,224
Business systems modernization.....	212,659	282,090	282,090	282,090	267,090	+54,431
Health Insurance Tax Credit Administration.....	14,856	15,235	15,235	15,235	15,235	+379
Total, Internal Revenue Service.....	10,597,066	11,095,499	11,147,410	11,141,610	10,892,384	+295,318
Total, title I, Department of the Treasury.....	11,625,344	12,136,711	12,257,247	12,249,265	11,996,490	+371,146
TITLE II - EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT						
The White House						
Salaries and expenses.....	---	186,920	---	---	---	---
Compensation of the President.....	---	450	---	---	---	---
Total, Salaries and expenses.....	---	187,370	---	---	---	---
Compensation of the President and the White House						
Office:						
Compensation of the President.....	450	---	450	450	450	---
Salaries and expenses.....	53,616	---	53,156	51,656	51,656	-1,960
Executive Residence at the White House:						
Operating expenses.....	12,398	---	12,814	12,814	12,814	+416
White House repair and restoration.....	1,683	---	1,600	1,600	1,600	-83
Council of Economic Advisers.....	4,032	---	4,118	4,118	4,118	+86
Office of Policy Development.....	3,487	---	3,482	3,482	3,482	-5
National Security Council.....	8,684	---	8,640	8,640	8,640	-44
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.....	---	---	---	2,000	2,000	+2,000
Office of Administration.....	88,643	---	92,829	92,829	91,745	+3,102
Total, The White House.....	172,993	187,370	177,089	177,589	176,505	+3,512
Office of Management and Budget.....	76,714	70,866	78,394	78,394	78,000	+1,286
Office of National Drug Control Policy.....	26,766	23,883	26,636	25,152	26,402	-364
Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center.....	20,000	5,000	10,000	---	1,000	-19,000
High intensity drug trafficking areas program.....	224,730	220,000	226,000	235,000	230,000	+5,270
Other Federal drug control programs.....	192,951	224,485	197,800	204,735	164,300	-28,651
Total, Office of National Drug Control Policy.....	464,447	473,368	460,436	464,887	421,702	-42,745

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2764
DIVISION D - FINANCIAL SERVICES AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2008
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	House	Senate	Amended B111	Amended B111 vs. Enacted
Unanticipated needs.....	990	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	+10
Special Assistance to the President and Official Residence of the Vice President:						
Salaries and expenses.....	4,432	4,432	4,432	4,432	4,432	---
Operating expenses.....	322	320	320	320	320	-2
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Total, title II, Executive Office of the Presi- dent and Funds Appropriated to the President..	719,898	737,356	721,671	726,622	681,959	-37,939
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TITLE III - THE JUDICIARY						
Supreme Court of the United States						
Salaries and expenses:						
Salaries of justices.....	2,000	2,149	2,149	2,149	2,149	+149
Other salaries and expenses.....	60,576	64,377	64,377	64,373	64,377	+3,801
Subtotal.....	62,576	66,526	66,526	66,522	66,526	+3,950
Care of the building and grounds.....	11,427	12,201	12,201	12,201	12,201	+774
Total, Supreme Court of the United States.....	74,003	78,727	78,727	78,723	78,727	+4,724
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal circuit						
Salaries and expenses:						
Salaries of judges.....	2,000	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431	+431
Other salaries and expenses.....	23,311	26,107	25,545	25,007	24,641	+1,330
Total, US Court of Appeals for the Fed Circuit..	25,311	28,538	27,976	27,438	27,072	+1,761
United States Court of International Trade						
Salaries and expenses:						
Salaries of judges.....	2,000	1,765	1,765	1,765	1,765	-235
Other salaries and expenses.....	13,825	14,962	14,779	14,867	14,867	+1,042
Total, US Court of International Trade.....	15,825	16,727	16,544	16,632	16,632	+807
Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services						
Salaries and expenses:						
Salaries of judges and bankruptcy judges.....	316,000	332,434	332,434	332,434	332,434	+16,434
Judges COLA.....	---	5,000	---	5,000	5,000	+5,000
Other salaries and expenses.....	4,160,569	4,517,021	4,328,156	4,372,557	4,267,328	+106,759
Other salaries and expenses (emergency).....	---	---	---	---	14,500	+14,500
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses.....	4,476,569	4,854,455	4,660,590	4,709,991	4,619,262	+142,693
Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund.....	3,952	4,099	4,099	4,099	4,099	+147
Defender services.....	776,283	859,834	830,499	840,601	835,601	+59,318
Defender services (emergency).....	---	---	---	---	10,500	+10,500
Fees of jurors and commissioners.....	60,945	62,350	62,350	63,081	63,081	+2,136
Court security.....	378,663	421,789	396,476	412,720	410,000	+31,337
Total, Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services.....	5,696,412	6,202,527	5,954,014	6,030,492	5,842,543	+246,131
Administrative Office of the United States Courts						
Salaries and expenses.....	72,377	78,536	75,667	78,536	76,036	+3,659
Federal Judicial Center						
Salaries and expenses.....	22,874	24,835	23,994	24,475	24,187	+1,313
Judicial Retirement Funds						
Payment to judiciary trust funds.....	58,300	65,400	65,400	65,400	65,400	+7,100
United States Sentencing Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	14,601	16,191	15,477	15,477	15,477	+876
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Total, title III, the Judiciary.....	5,979,703	6,511,481	6,257,799	6,337,173	6,246,074	+266,371
Mandatory appropriations.....	(380,300)	(404,179)	(404,179)	(404,179)	(404,179)	(+23,879)
Discretionary appropriations.....	(5,599,403)	(6,107,302)	(5,853,620)	(5,932,994)	(5,841,895)	(+242,492)
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	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	House	Senate	Amended Bill	Amended Bill vs. Enacted
TITLE IV - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
Federal payment for Resident Tuition Support.....	32,868	35,100	35,100	33,000	33,000	+132
Federal payment for Emergency Planning and Security Costs in the District of Columbia.....	8,533	3,000	3,352	3,352	3,352	-5,181
Federal payment to the District of Columbia Courts....	216,723	213,861	256,395	217,318	223,920	+7,197
Defender Services in District of Columbia Courts.....	43,475	43,475	52,475	43,475	47,975	+4,500
Federal payment to the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia.....	179,603	190,343	190,343	190,791	190,343	+10,740
Federal payment to the District of Columbia Public Defender Service.....	31,103	32,710	32,710	32,710	32,710	+1,607
Federal payment to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.....	6,930	12,000	12,000	12,000	8,000	+1,070
Federal payment for the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative.....	2,970	---	---	---	---	-2,970
Federal payment to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.....	1,287	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	+13
Federal payment for Transportation Assistance.....	990	---	---	---	---	-990
Federal payment for Foster Care Improvements in the District of Columbia.....	1,980	---	---	---	---	-1,980
Federal payment to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia.....	20,000	---	6,148	---	5,453	-14,547
Federal payment for School Improvement.....	39,600	40,800	40,800	40,800	40,800	+1,200
Federal payment for consolidated laboratory facility..	4,950	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	+50
Federal payment for Central Library/branch locations..	---	10,000	10,000	10,000	9,000	+9,000
Federal payment to reimburse the FBI.....	---	5,000	4,000	5,000	4,000	+4,000
Federal payment to the Executive Office of the Mayor..	---	---	---	14,000	5,000	+5,000
Total, Title IV, District of Columbia.....	591,012	597,589	654,623	613,746	609,853	+18,841
TITLE V - OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCIES						
Consumer Product Safety Commission.....	62,728	63,250	66,838	70,000	80,000	+17,272
Election Assistance Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	16,263	15,467	15,467	16,517	16,530	+267
Election reform programs.....	---	---	300,950	---	115,000	+115,000
Election data collection grants.....	---	---	---	---	10,000	+10,000
Total, Election Assistance Commission.....	16,263	15,467	316,417	16,517	141,530	+125,267
Federal Communications Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	291,282	313,000	313,000	313,000	313,000	+21,718
Transfer from USF for DIG audits (by transfer).....	---	(20,480)	(20,980)	(20,480)	(21,480)	(+21,480)
Offsetting fee collections - current year.....	-290,295	-312,000	-312,000	-312,000	-312,000	-21,705
Direct appropriation.....	987	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	+13
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation: Office of Inspector General (by transfer).....						
Federal Election Commission.....	(30,680)	(26,848)	(26,848)	(26,848)	(26,848)	(-3,842)
Federal Labor Relations Authority.....	54,528	59,224	59,224	59,224	59,224	+4,696
Federal Labor Relations Authority.....	25,372	23,718	23,641	23,718	23,641	-1,731
Federal Trade Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	211,289	240,239	247,489	240,239	243,864	+32,575
Offsetting fee collections - current year.....	-129,000	-139,000	-139,000	-144,600	-139,000	-10,000
Offsetting fee collections, telephone database.....	-23,000	-19,000	-20,000	-19,000	-23,000	---
Direct appropriation.....	59,289	82,239	88,489	76,639	81,864	+22,575
General Services Administration						
Federal Buildings Fund						
Appropriations.....	(93,586)	(344,450)	(88,144)	(624,901)	(83,964)	(-9,622)
Limitations on availability of revenue:						
Construction and acquisition of facilities.....	701,137	615,204	524,540	894,992	306,448	-394,689
Construction (emergency).....	---	---	---	---	225,000	+225,000
Repairs and alterations.....	618,241	804,483	733,267	804,483	722,161	+103,920
Installment acquisition payments.....	163,999	155,781	155,781	155,781	155,781	-8,218
Rental of space.....	4,067,881	4,383,000	4,315,534	4,383,000	4,315,534	+247,653
Building operations.....	2,003,830	2,132,450	2,105,490	2,132,450	2,105,490	+101,660
Subtotal.....	7,555,088	8,090,918	7,834,612	8,370,706	7,830,414	+275,326

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Repayment of debt.....	43,338	50,804	50,804	50,804	50,804	+7,466
Rental income to fund.....	-7,845,000	-7,916,272	-7,916,272	-7,916,272	-7,916,272	-71,272
Total, Federal Buildings Fund.....	-246,574	225,450	-30,856	505,238	-35,054	+211,520
Policy and operations.....	---	144,338	134,945	---	---	---
Government-wide policy.....	52,346	---	---	64,791	52,891	+545
Operating expenses.....	83,176	---	---	89,547	85,870	+2,694
Office of Inspector General.....	52,621	47,382	53,382	52,682	48,382	-4,239
Appropriation (P.L. 110-28).....	(4,500)	---	---	---	---	(-4,500)
Electronic Government Fund.....	2,970	5,000	2,970	5,000	3,000	+30
Allowances and Office Staff for Former Presidents.....	2,922	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,478	-444
Federal Citizen Information Center Fund.....	14,874	17,790	15,798	17,790	17,328	+2,454
Total, General Services Administration.....	-37,665	442,460	178,739	737,548	174,895	+212,560
Merit Systems Protection Board						
Salaries and expenses.....	36,063	37,507	37,507	37,507	37,507	+1,444
Limitation on administrative expenses.....	2,603	2,579	2,579	2,579	2,579	-24
Total, Merit Systems Protection Board.....	38,666	40,086	40,086	40,086	40,086	+1,420
Morris K. Udall Foundation						
Morris K. Udall Trust Fund.....	1,984	---	2,000	3,750	3,750	+1,766
Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund.....	1,896	750	2,000	2,000	2,000	+104
Total, Morris K. Udall Foundation.....	3,880	750	4,000	5,750	5,750	+1,870
National Archives and Records Administration						
Operating expenses.....	279,338	312,874	315,000	313,911	315,000	+35,662
Reduction of debt.....	-10,026	-10,896	-10,896	-10,896	-10,896	-870
Electronic records archive.....	45,254	58,028	58,028	58,028	58,028	+12,774
Repairs and restoration.....	9,120	8,663	16,095	25,173	28,605	+19,485
National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Grants program.....	7,425	---	10,000	10,000	9,500	+2,075
Total, National Archives and Records Admin.....	331,111	368,669	388,227	396,216	400,237	+69,126
National Credit Union Administration						
Central liquidity facility: (Limitation on direct loans).....	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	---
(Limitation on admin expenses, corporate funds)...	(323)	(329)	(329)	(329)	(329)	(+6)
Community development credit union revolving loan fund	941	950	1,000	950	975	+34
Office of Government Ethics.....	11,115	11,750	11,750	11,750	11,750	+635
Office of Personnel Management						
Salaries and expenses.....	111,605	101,765	101,765	101,765	101,765	-9,840
Limitation on administrative expenses.....	112,546	111,936	123,401	124,401	123,901	+11,355
Office of Inspector General.....	2,061	1,519	1,519	1,519	1,519	-542
Limitation on administrative expenses.....	16,278	16,481	16,981	17,081	17,081	+803
Govt Payment for Annuitants, Employees Health Benefits	8,780,260	8,884,000	8,884,000	8,884,000	8,884,000	+103,740
Govt Payment for Annuitants, Employee Life Insurance..	39,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	+2,000
Payment to Civil Svc Retirement and Disability Fund...	10,532,000	11,941,000	11,941,000	11,941,000	11,941,000	+1,409,000
Total, Office of Personnel Management.....	19,593,750	21,097,701	21,109,666	21,110,766	21,110,266	+1,516,516
Office of Special Counsel.....	15,524	16,368	16,368	16,368	17,468	+1,944
Securities and Exchange Commission						
Salaries and expenses.....	892,560	905,330	908,442	905,330	906,000	+13,440
Prior year unobligated balances.....	-25,000	-30,330	-41,397	-41,397	-63,262	-38,262
Direct appropriation.....	867,560	875,000	867,045	863,933	842,738	-24,822
Selective Service System.....	24,850	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	-2,850
Small Business Administration						
Salaries and expenses.....	327,592	310,103	346,553	412,103	344,123	+16,531
Rescission (unobligated balances).....	-6,100	---	---	---	---	+6,100
Office of Inspector General.....	13,835	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	+1,165
by transfer from Disaster Loans Program account...	(1,485)	(500)	(500)	---	---	(-1,485)
Surety bond guarantees revolving fund.....	2,824	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	+176

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Business Loans Program Account:						
Direct loans subsidy.....	1,283	---	2,530	2,000	2,000	+717
Guaranteed loans subsidy.....	---	---	80,000	---	---	---
Administrative expenses.....	124,862	135,414	135,414	135,414	135,414	+10,552
Rescission (unobligated balances).....	-5,000	---	---	---	---	+5,000
Total, Business loans program account.....	121,145	135,414	217,944	137,414	137,414	+16,269
Disaster Loans Program Account:						
Administrative expenses (by transfer).....	---	(156,000)	---	---	---	---
Administrative expenses (P.L. 110-28)(by transfer).....	(181,069)	---	---	---	---	(-181,069)
Economic injury loans (P.L. 110-28)(by transfer).....	(25,000)	---	---	---	---	(-25,000)
Administrative expenses.....	114,931	---	---	---	---	-114,931
Rescission (unobligated balances).....	-2,300	---	---	---	---	+2,300
Disaster Relief, FEMA (transfer out).....	---	(-200,000)	---	---	---	---
Disaster Relief, FEMA (P.L. 110-28) (transfer out)(emergency).....	(-150,000)	---	---	---	---	(+150,000)
Office of Inspector General (transfer out).....	(-1,485)	(-500)	(-500)	---	---	(+1,485)
Total, Disaster loans program account.....	112,631	---	---	---	---	-112,631
(by transfer).....	(206,069)	(156,000)	---	---	---	(-206,069)
(transfer out).....	(-151,485)	(-200,500)	(-500)	---	---	(+151,485)
Sec. 534. Salaries and expenses.....	---	---	61,318	---	69,451	+69,451
Total, Small Business Administration.....	571,927	463,517	643,815	567,517	568,988	-2,939
United States Postal Service						
Payment to the Postal Service Fund.....	29,000	---	---	29,000	29,000	---
Advance appropriations.....	79,915	88,864	88,864	88,864	88,864	+8,949
Total, United States Postal Service.....	108,915	88,864	88,864	117,864	117,864	+8,949
United States Tax Court.....	47,625	45,326	45,069	45,326	45,326	-2,299
Total, title V, Independent Agencies.....	21,797,366	23,718,339	23,972,238	24,183,172	23,745,602	+1,948,236
Appropriations.....	(21,730,851)	(23,629,475)	(23,883,374)	(24,094,308)	(23,431,738)	(+1,700,887)
Rescissions.....	(-13,400)	---	---	---	---	(+13,400)
Advances.....	(79,915)	(88,864)	(88,864)	(88,864)	(88,864)	(+8,949)
(by transfer).....	(32,175)	(203,828)	(48,328)	(47,328)	(48,328)	(+16,153)
(transfer out).....	(-1,485)	(-200,500)	(-500)	---	---	(+1,485)
TITLE VI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS ACT						
Sec. 624. Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation..	---	---	---	---	600	+600
Total, title VI, General Provisions, This Act.....	---	---	---	---	600	+600
Grand total.....	40,713,323	43,701,476	43,863,578	44,109,978	43,280,578	+2,567,255
Appropriations.....	(40,646,808)	(43,612,612)	(43,774,714)	(44,021,114)	(42,941,714)	(+2,294,906)
Rescissions.....	(-13,400)	---	---	---	---	(+13,400)
Emergency appropriations.....	---	---	---	---	(250,000)	(+250,000)
Advances.....	(79,915)	(88,864)	(88,864)	(88,864)	(88,864)	(+8,949)
(by transfer).....	(32,175)	(203,828)	(48,328)	(47,328)	(48,328)	(+16,153)
(transfer out).....	(-1,485)	(-200,500)	(-500)	---	---	(+1,485)
Discretionary total.....	19,517,875	21,676,898	21,432,000	21,684,400	20,599,000	+1,081,125

AMENDED BILL TOTAL--WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for fiscal year 2008 provided in the amended bill, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2007 amount, the 2008 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2008 follow:

(In thousands of dollars)	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2007.....	\$ 40,713,323
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2008.....	43,701,476
House bill, fiscal year 2008.....	43,863,578
Senate bill, fiscal year 2008.....	44,109,978
Amended bill, fiscal year 2008.....	43,280,578
Amended bill compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2007.....	+2,567,255
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2008.....	-420,898
House bill, fiscal year 2008.....	-583,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 2008.....	-829,400